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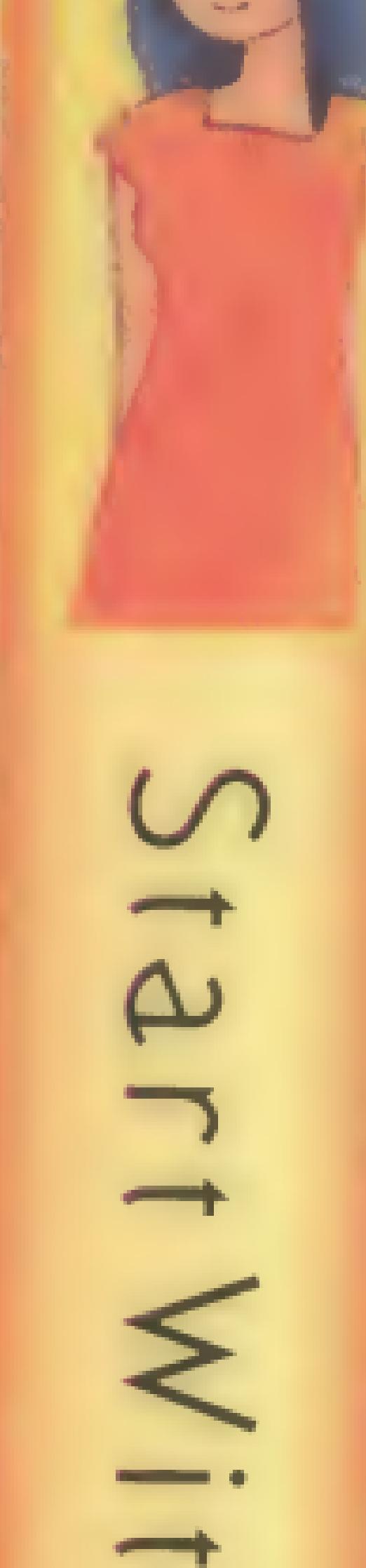
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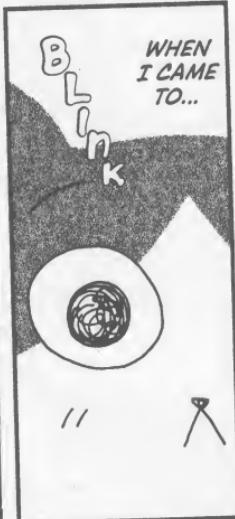
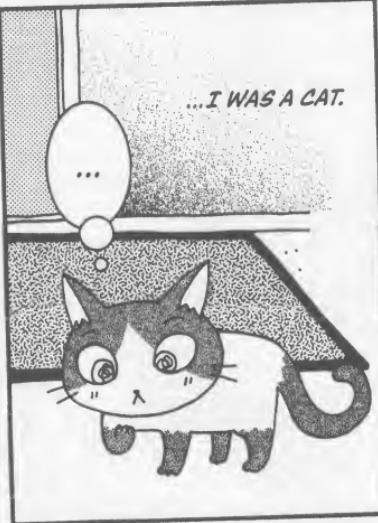


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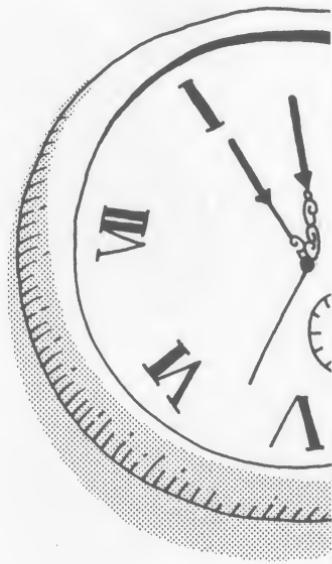
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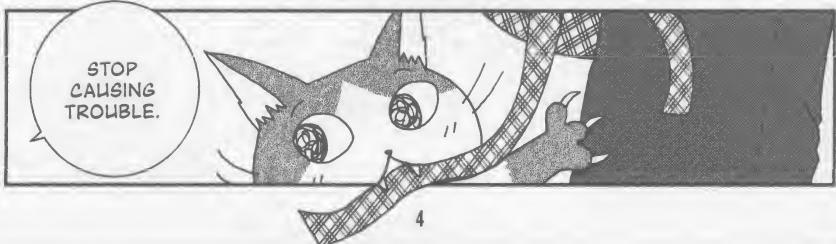
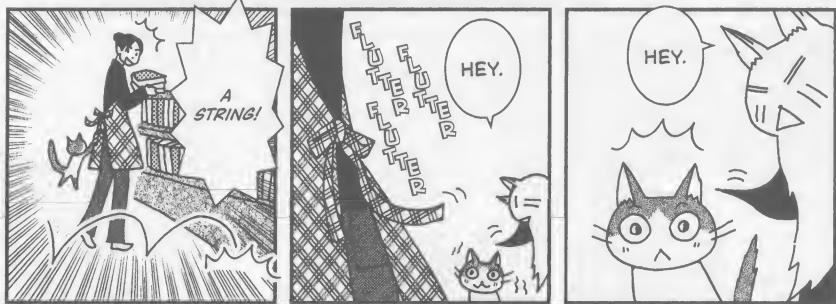
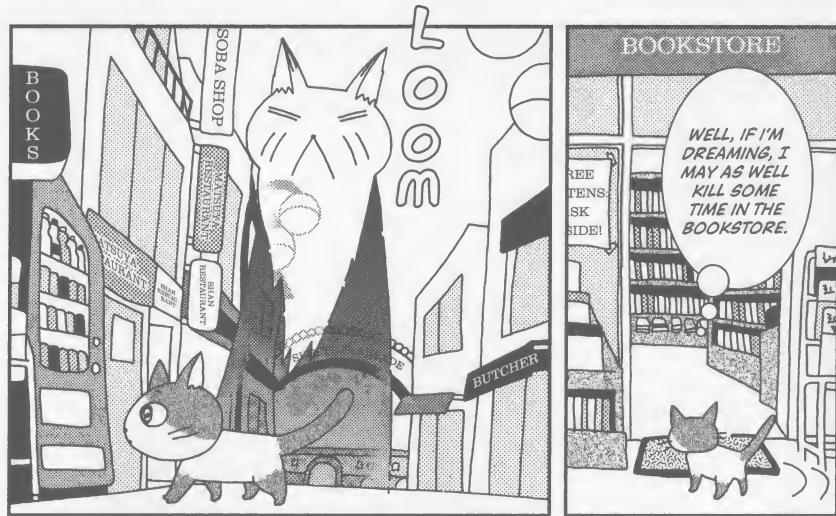
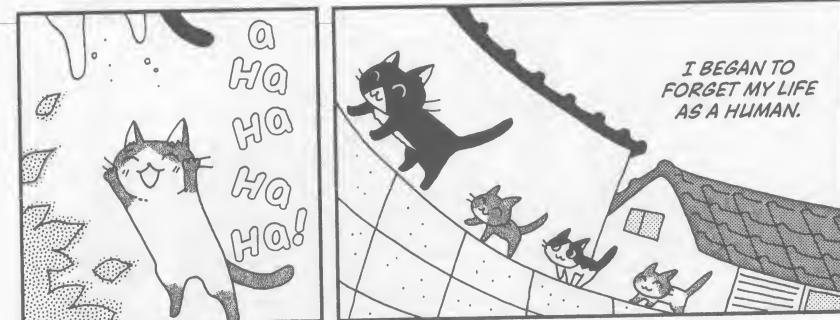
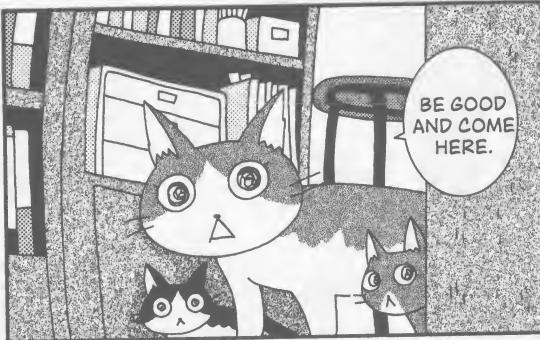
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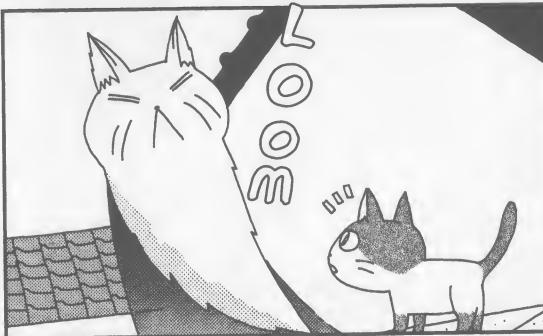
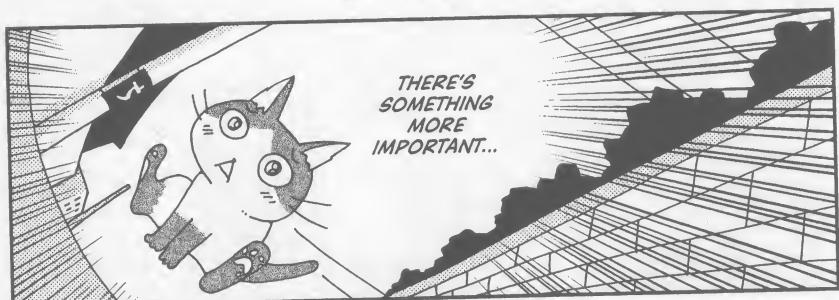
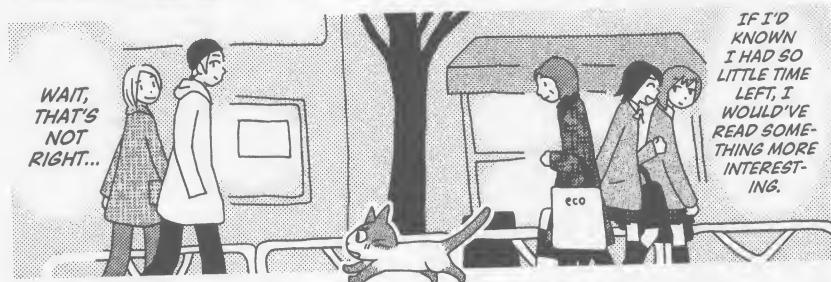
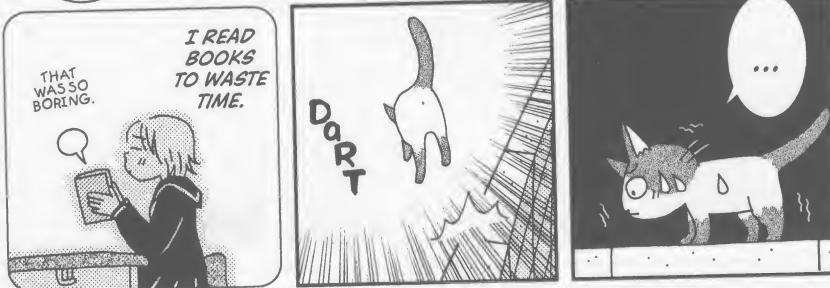
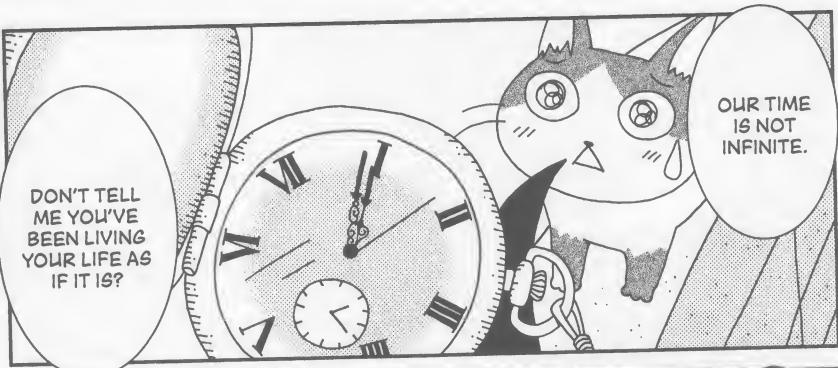
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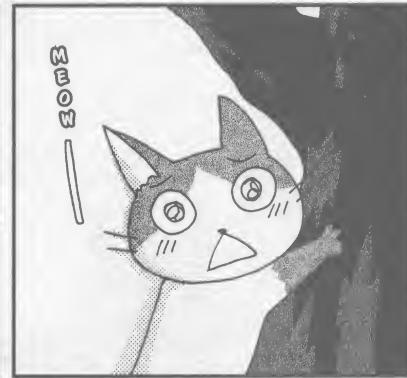
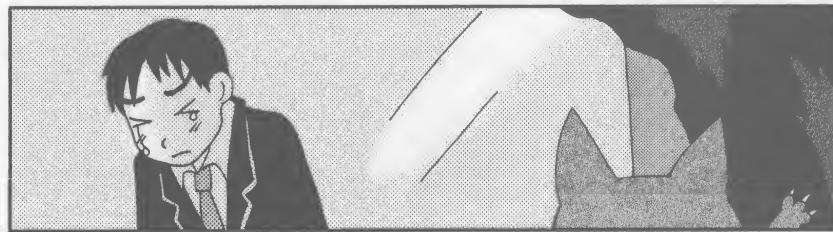


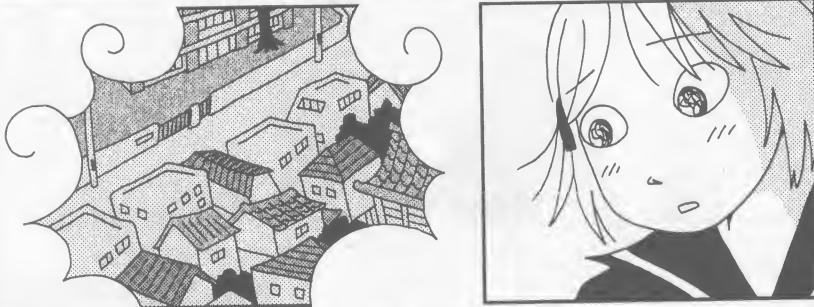
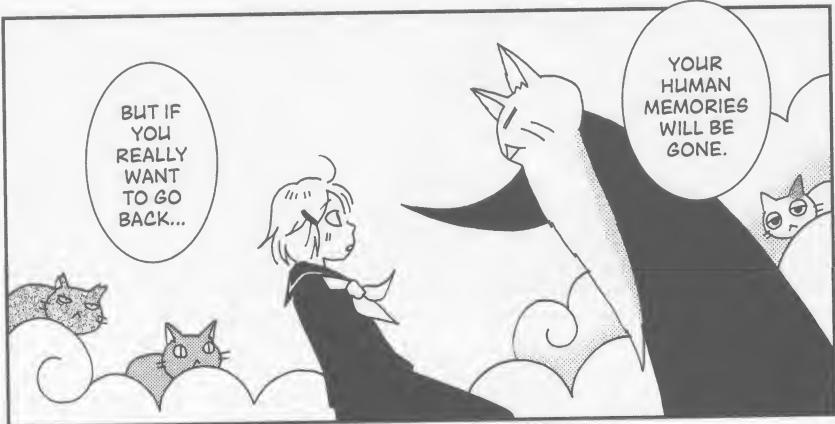
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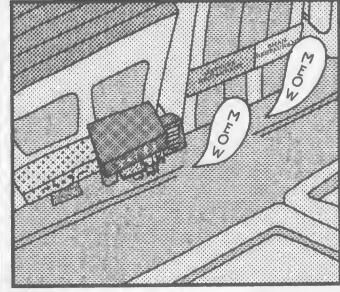
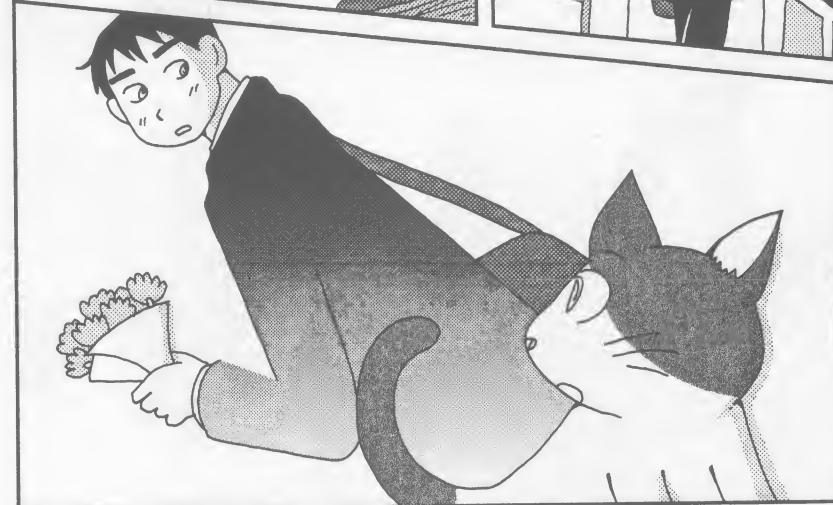
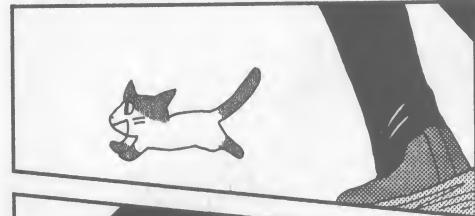
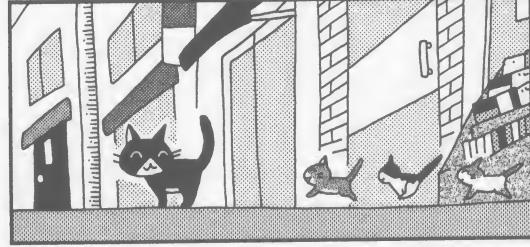
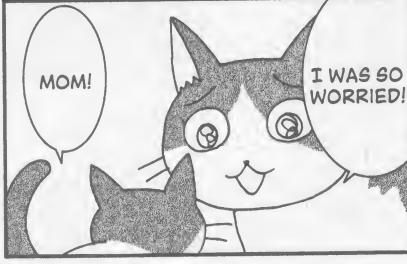


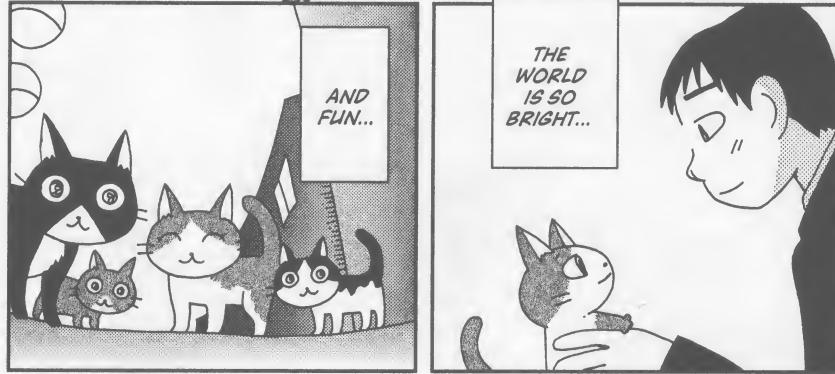
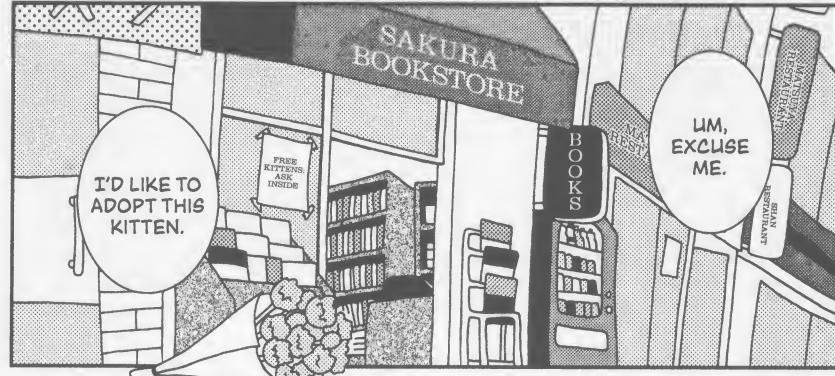
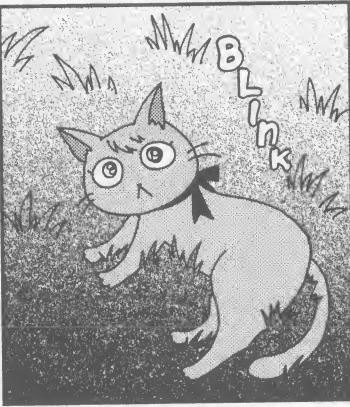


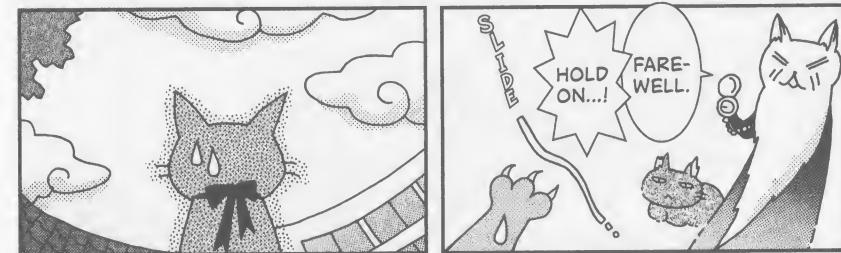
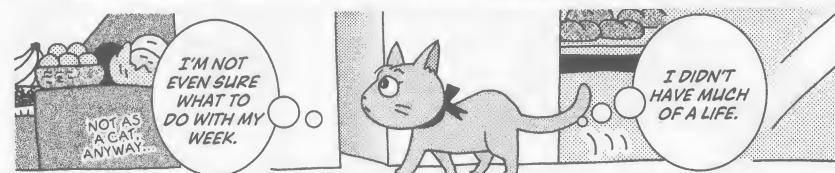
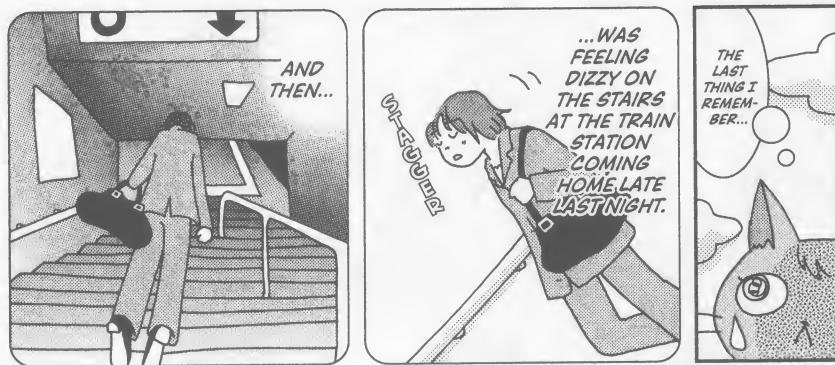


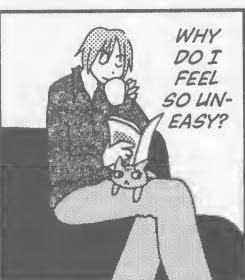
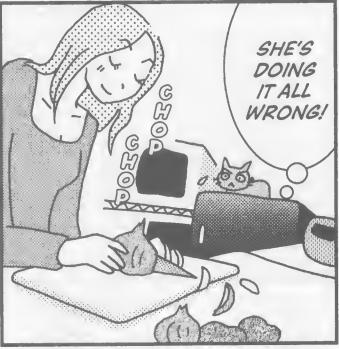
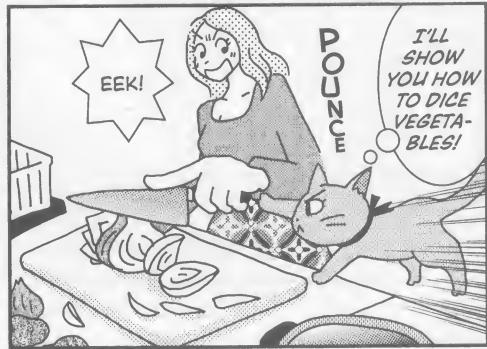
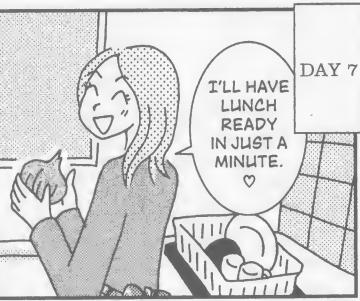


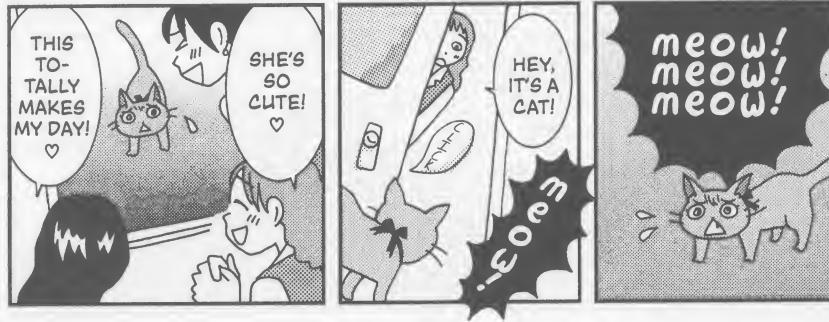
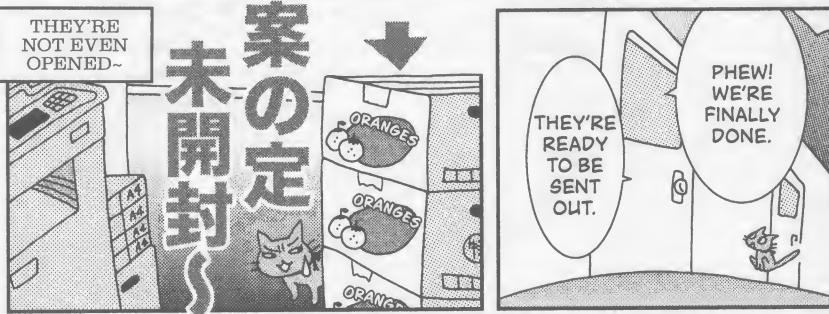
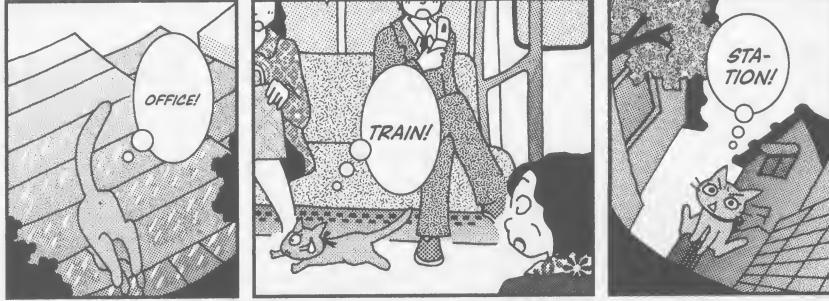
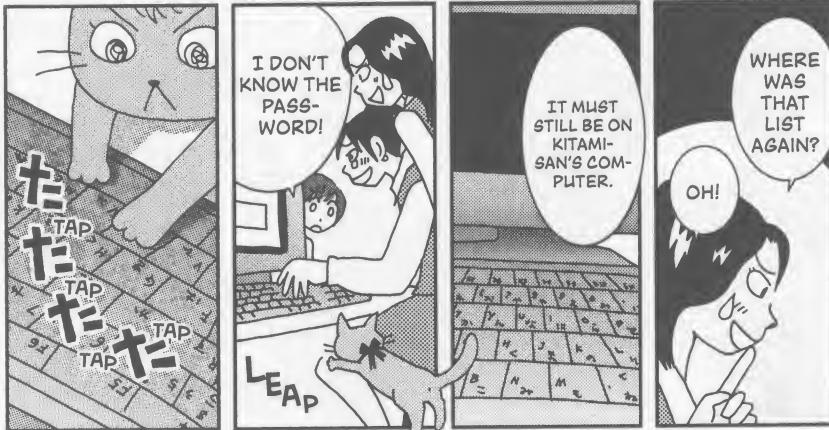
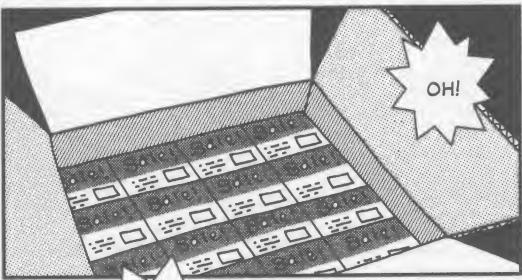


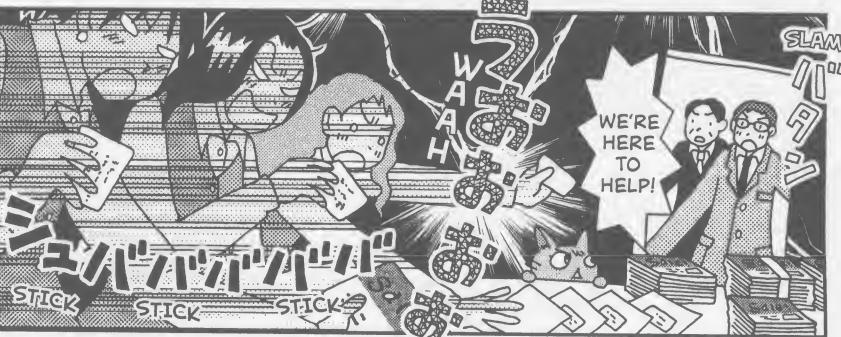
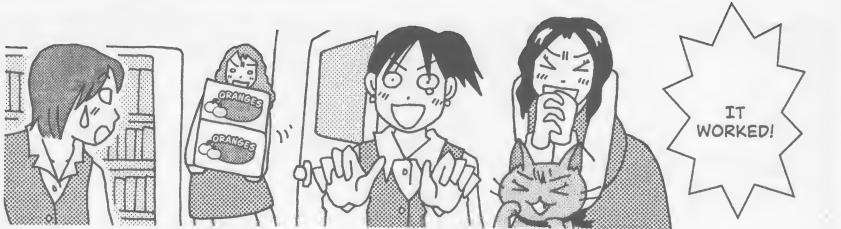
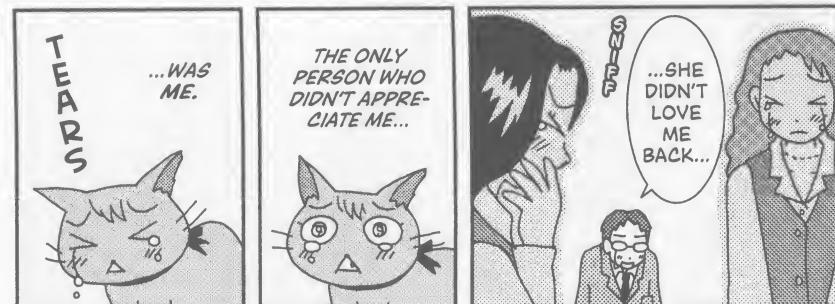
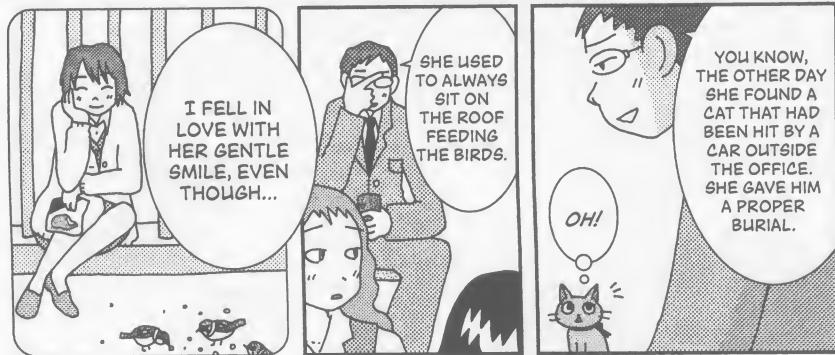
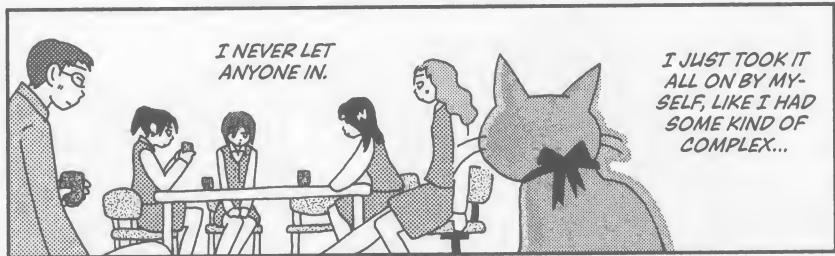


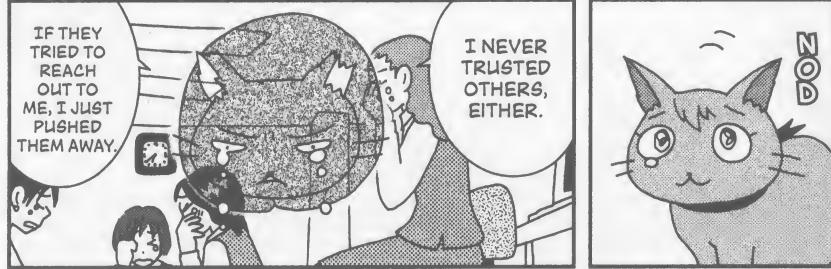
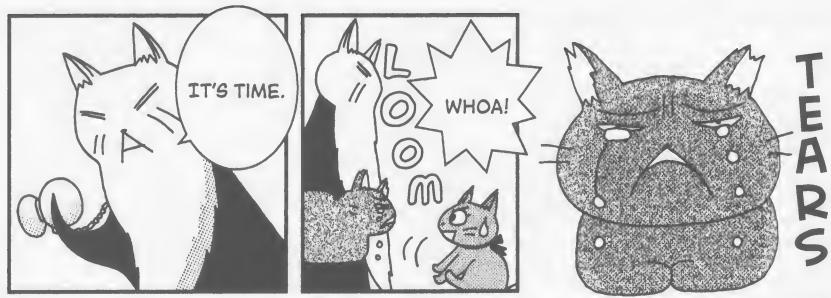












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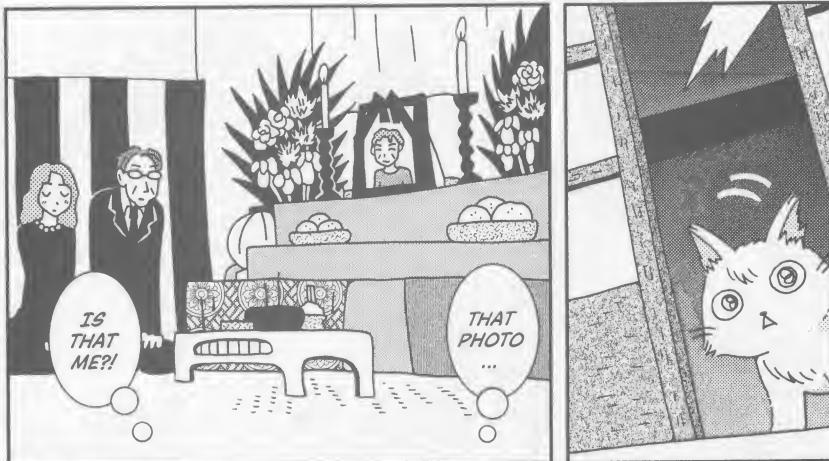
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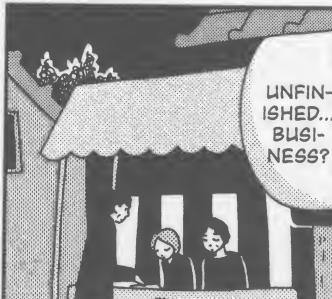
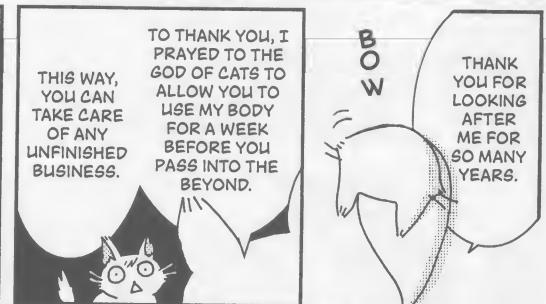
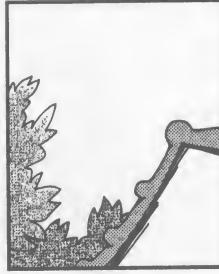
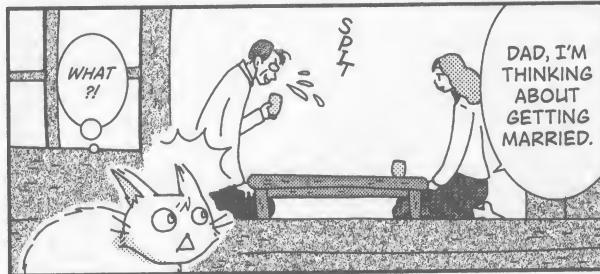
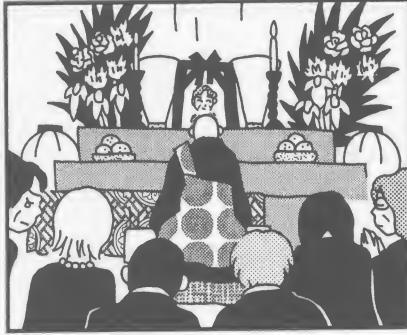
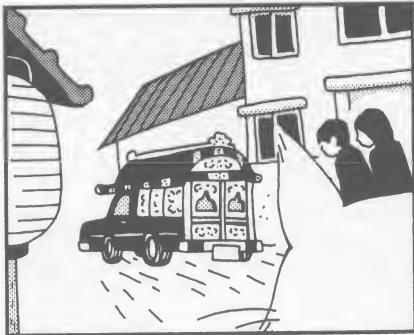
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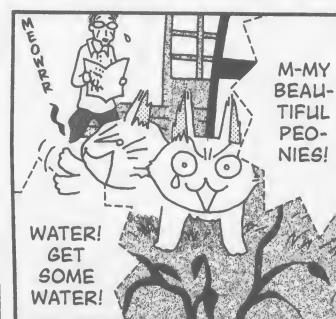
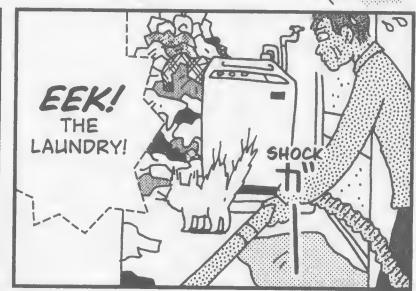
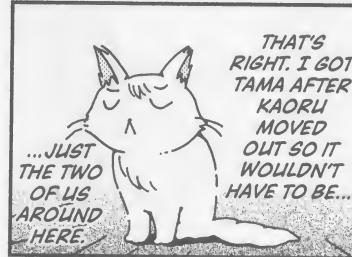
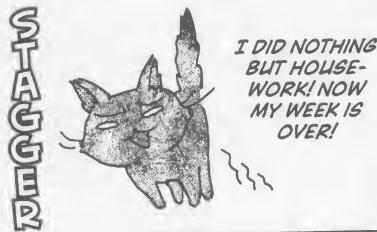
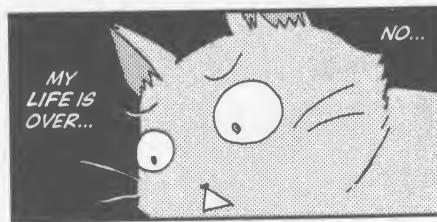
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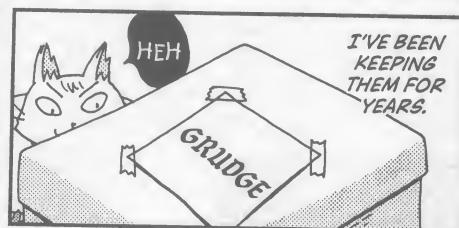
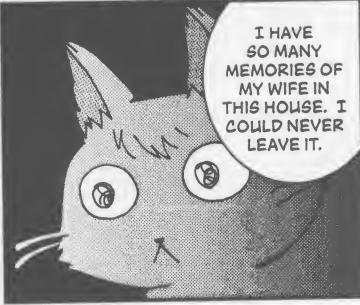
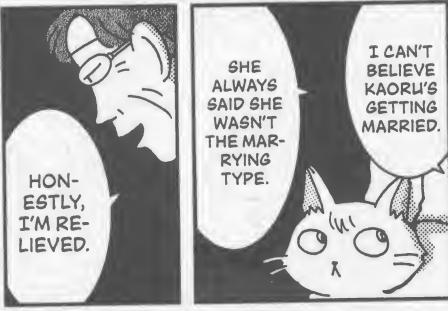
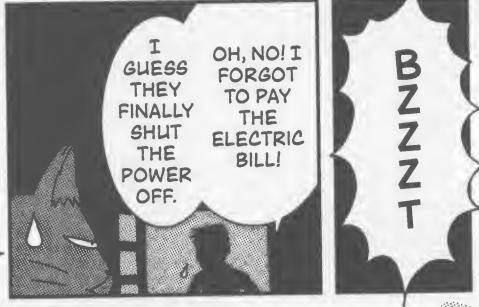
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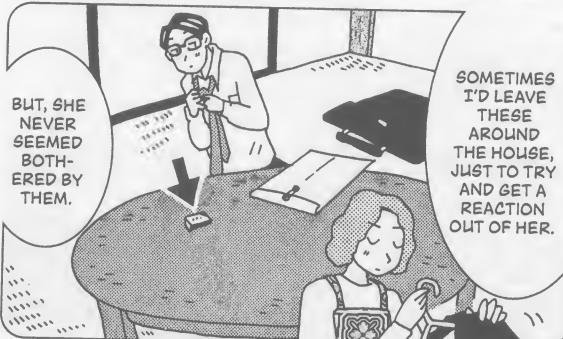
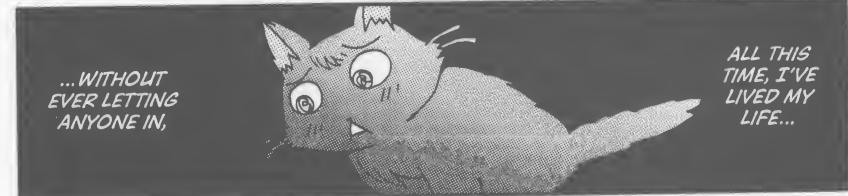
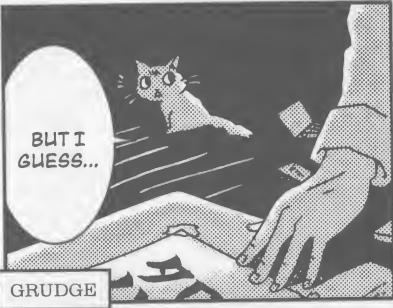
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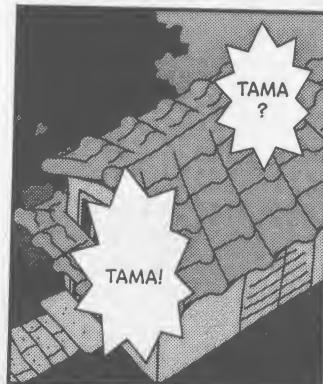
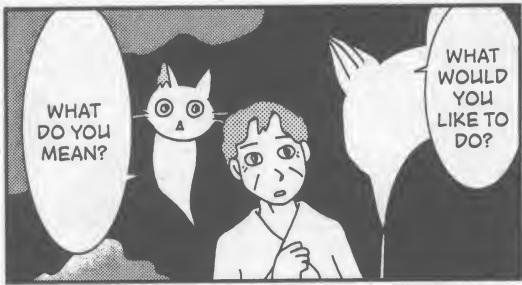
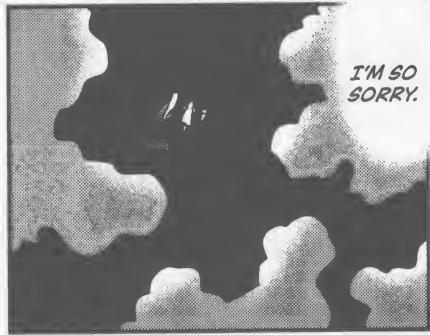








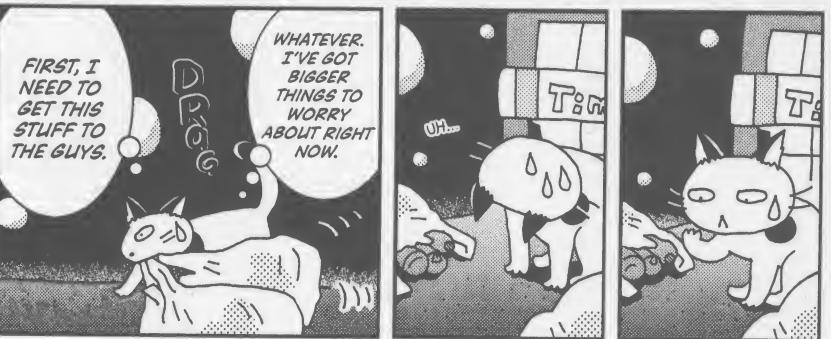
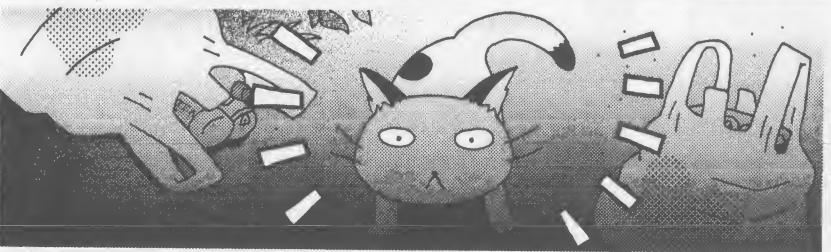




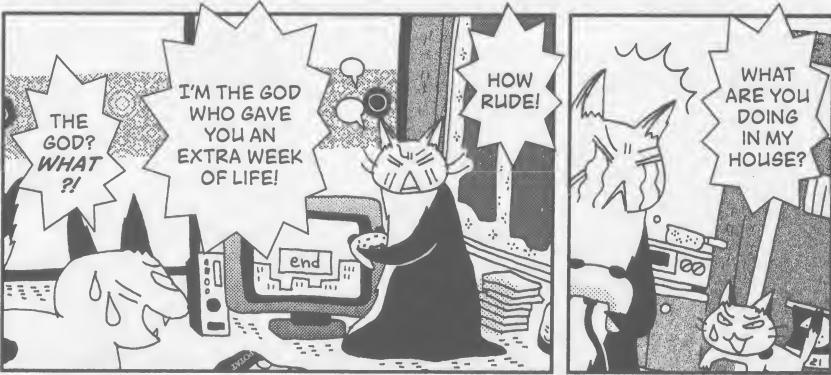
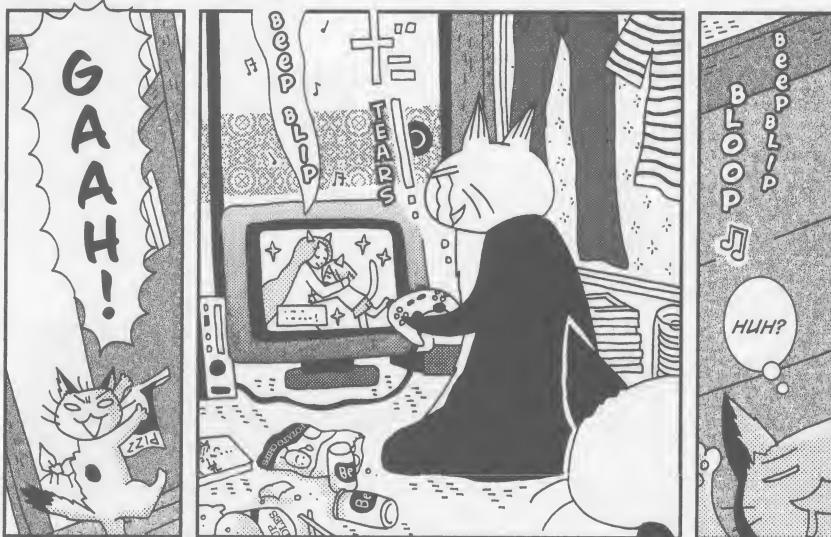
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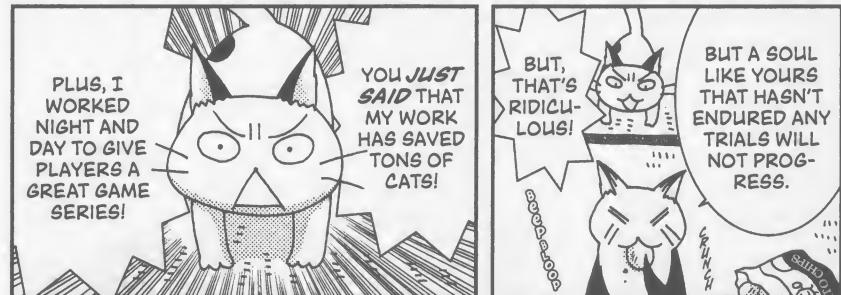
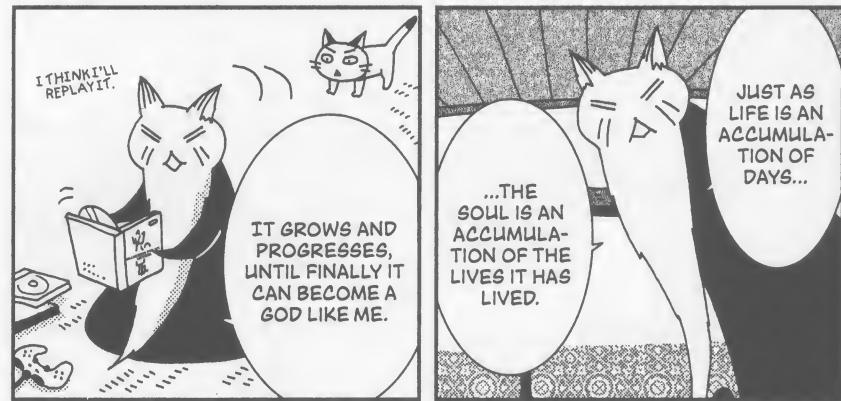
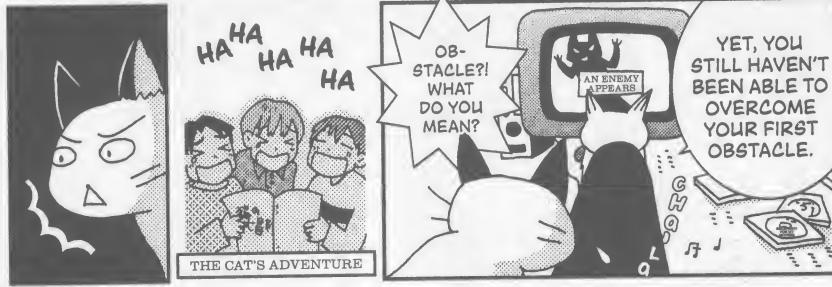
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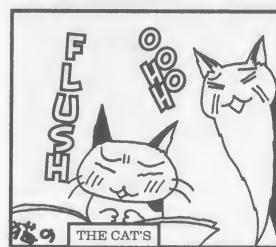
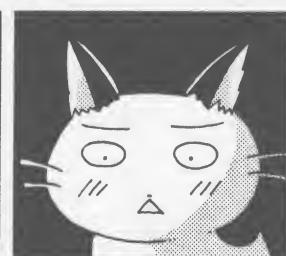
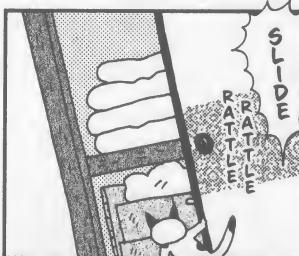
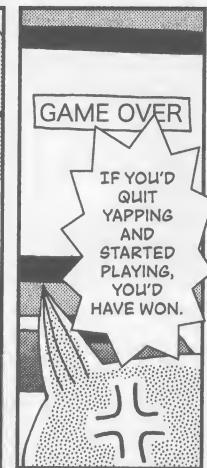
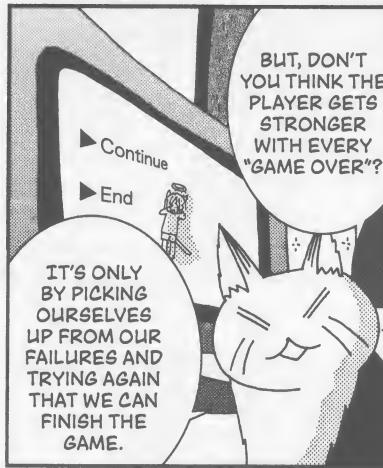
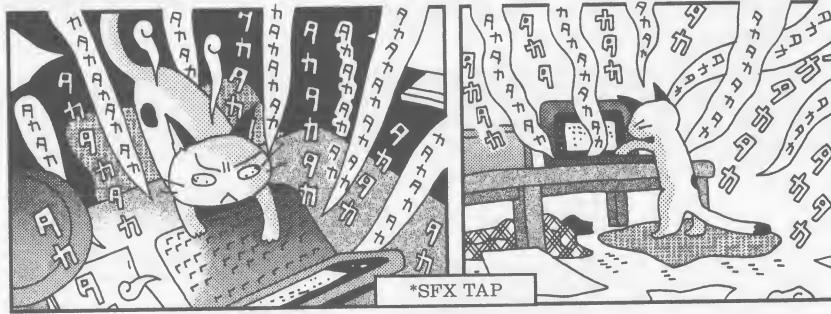
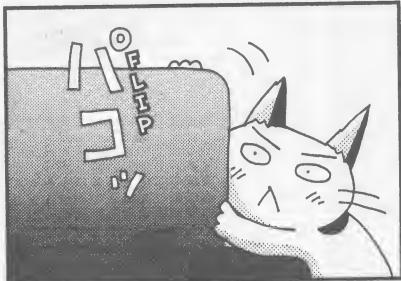


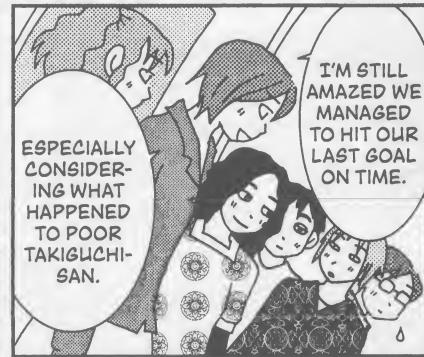
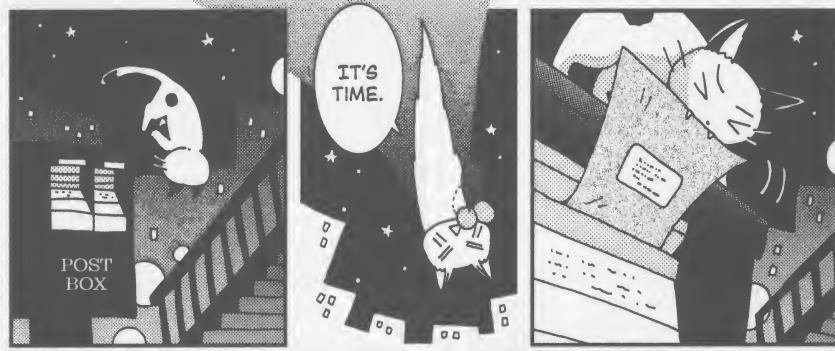


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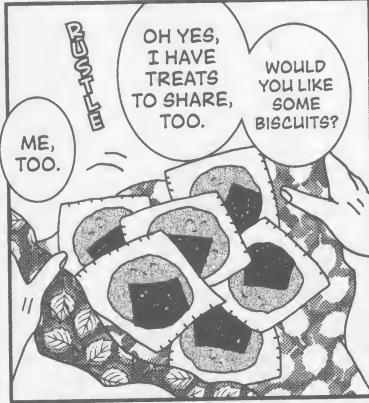


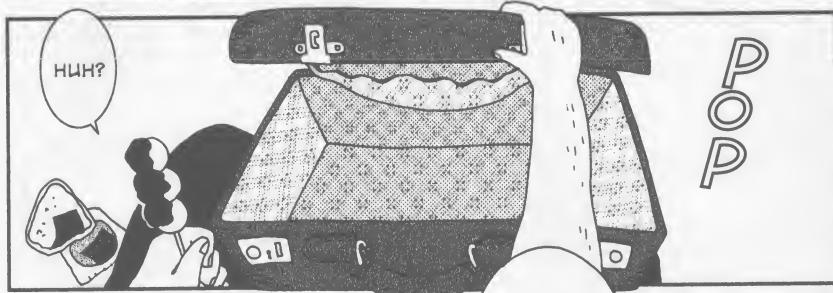
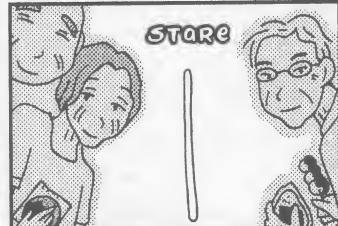
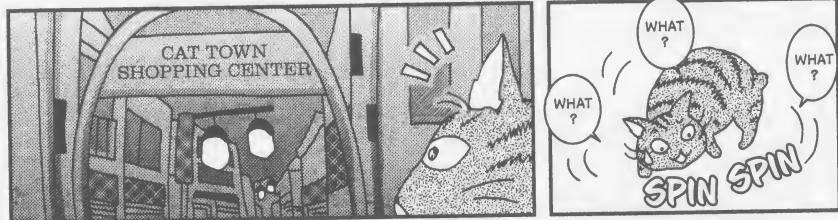


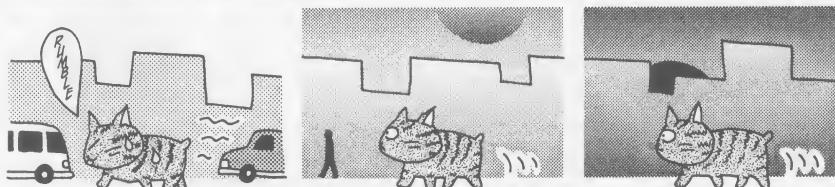
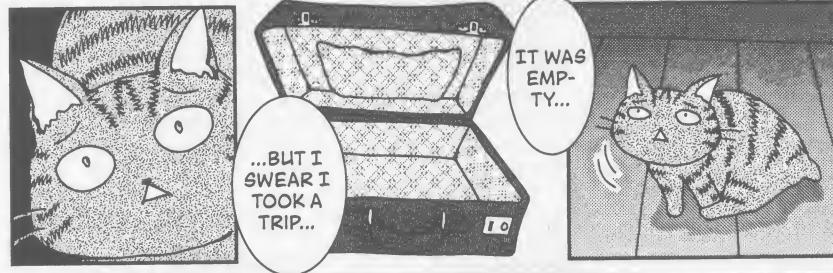
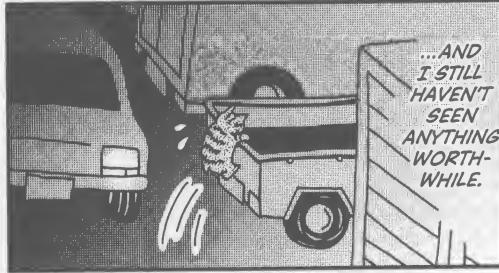
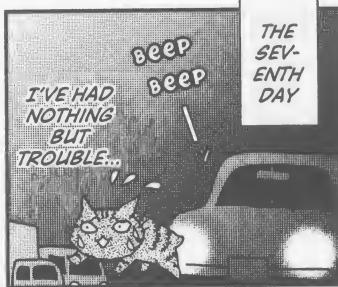


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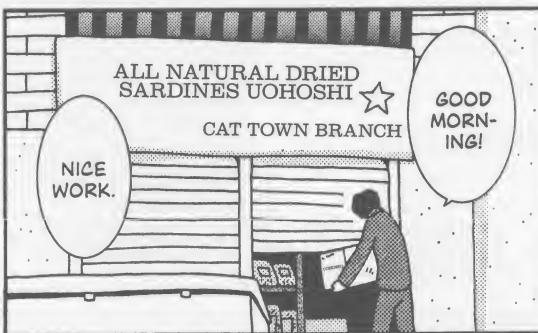
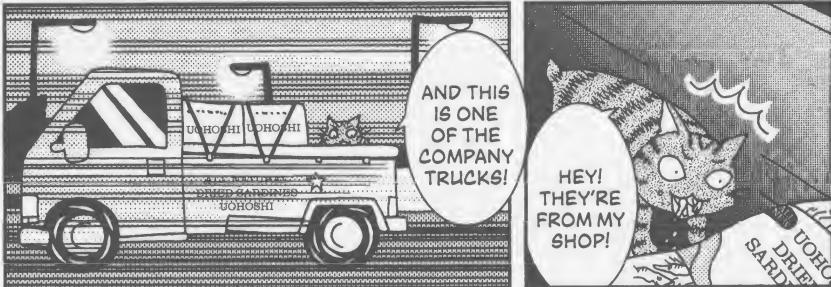
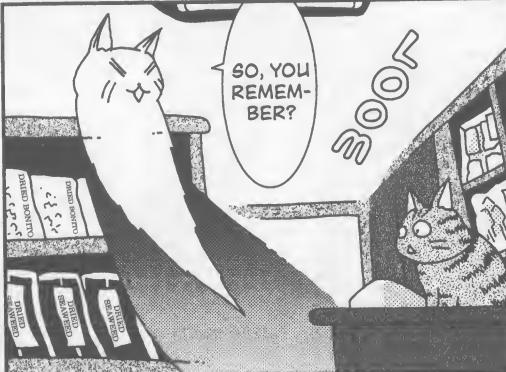
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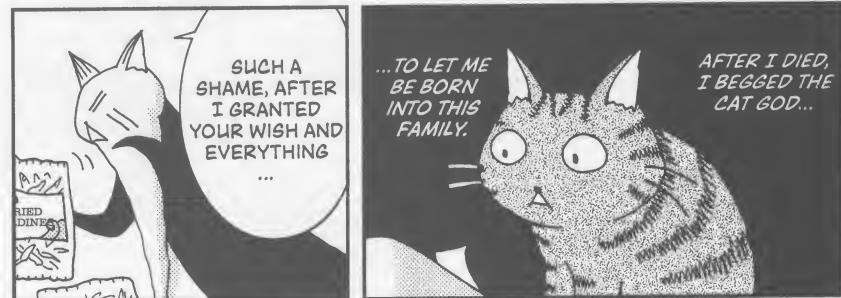
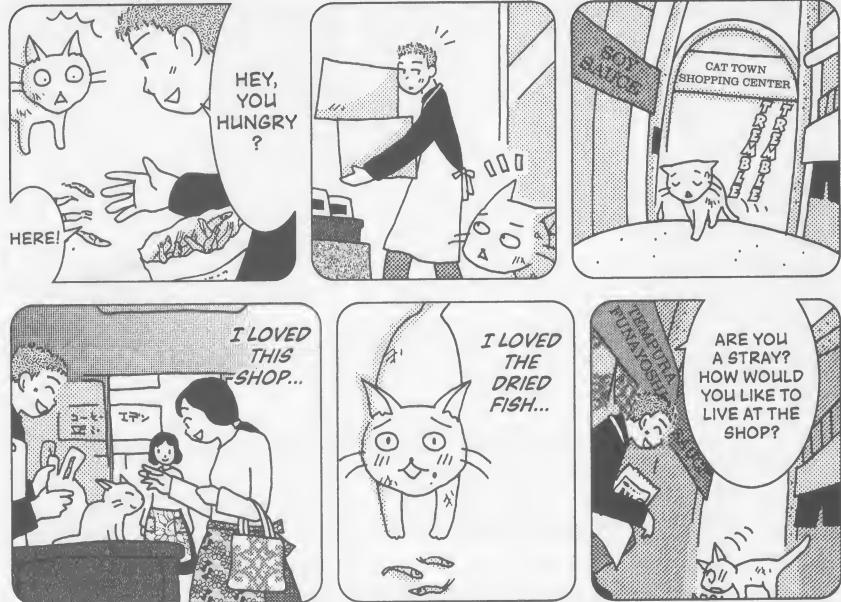
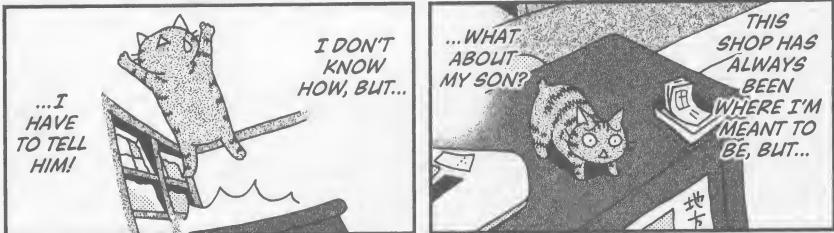
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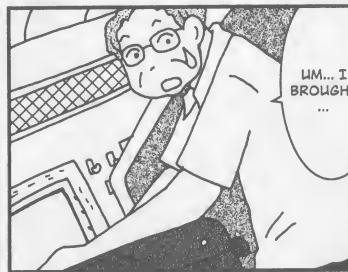
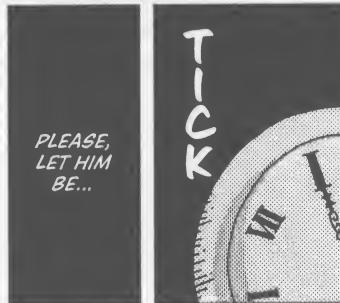
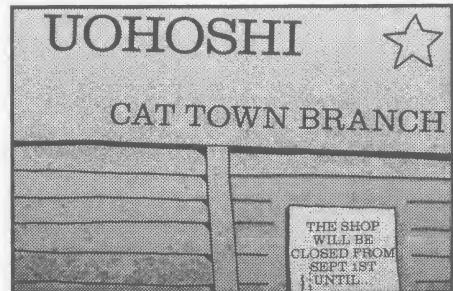
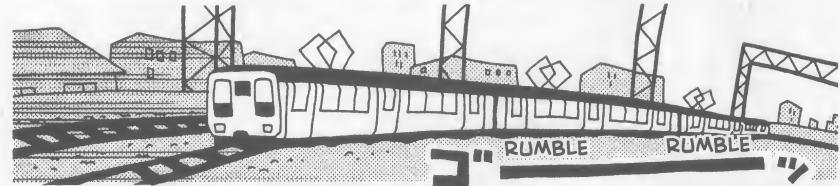
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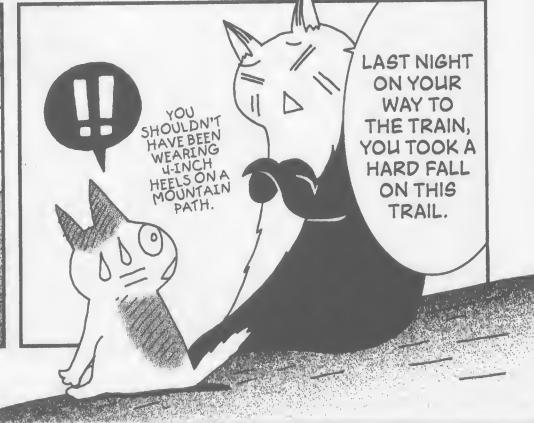
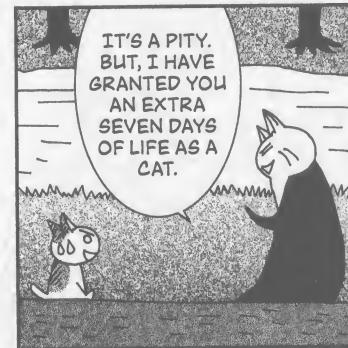
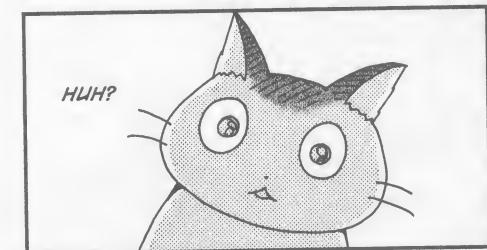
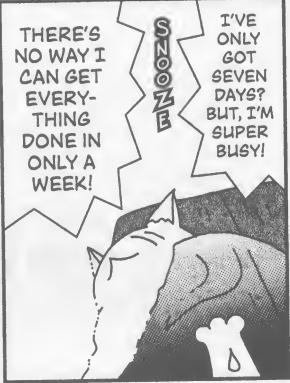
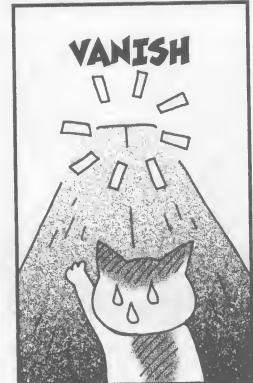


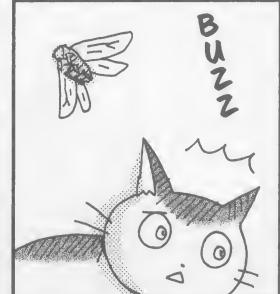
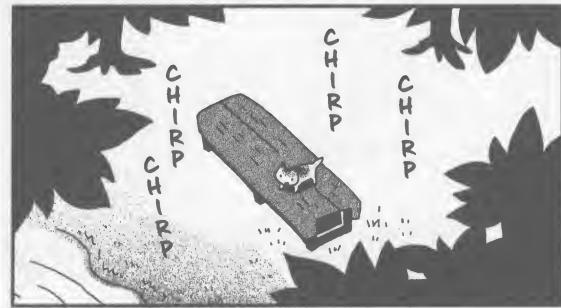
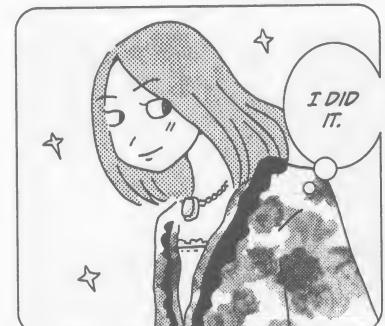
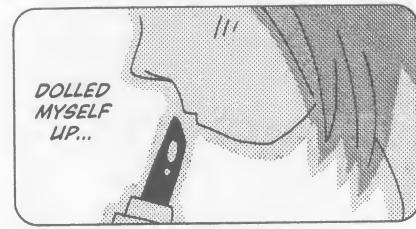


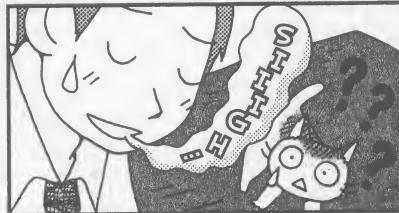
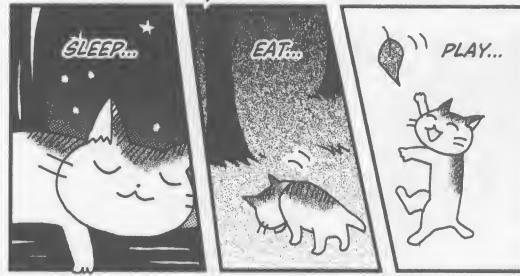
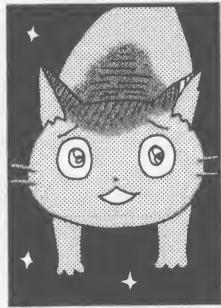
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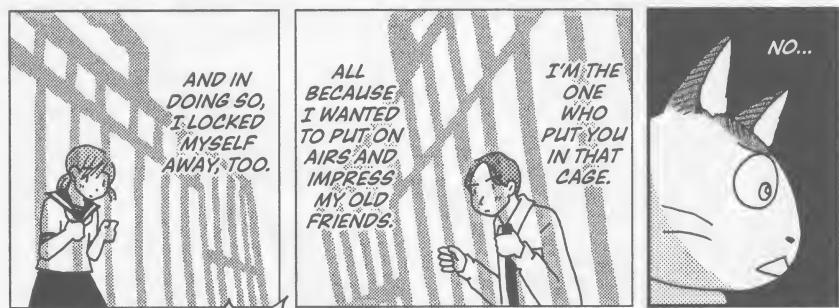
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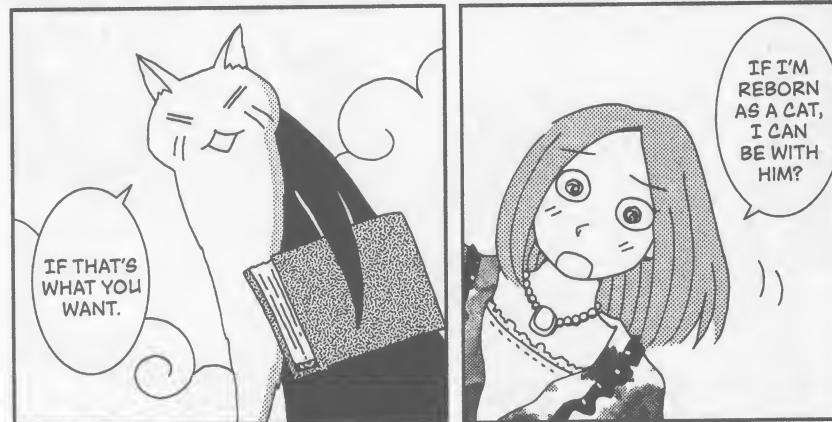
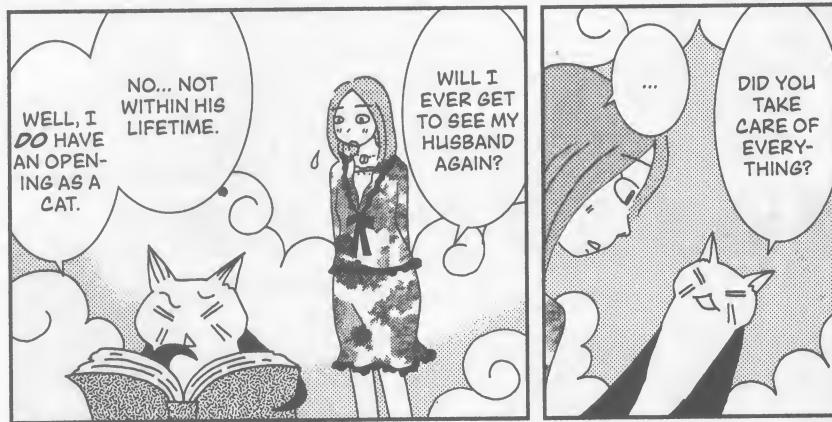
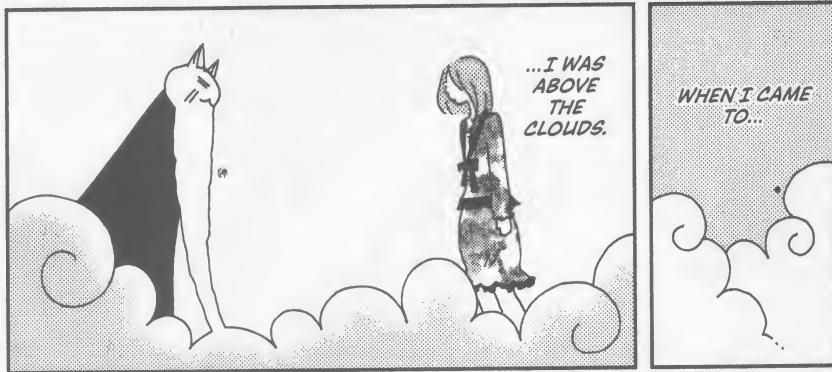










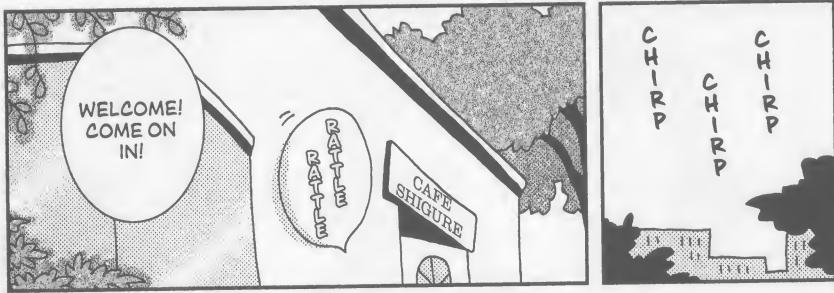


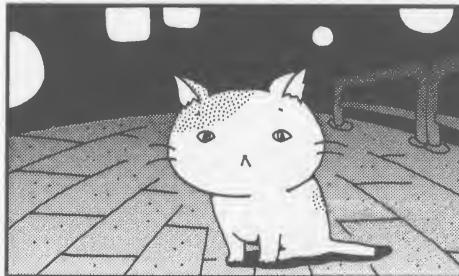
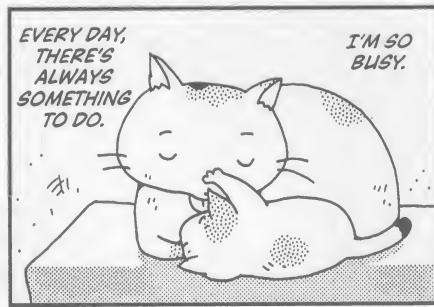
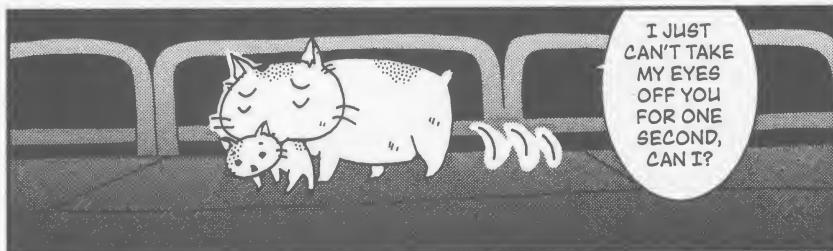
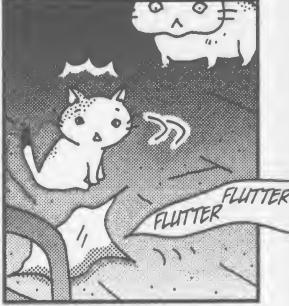


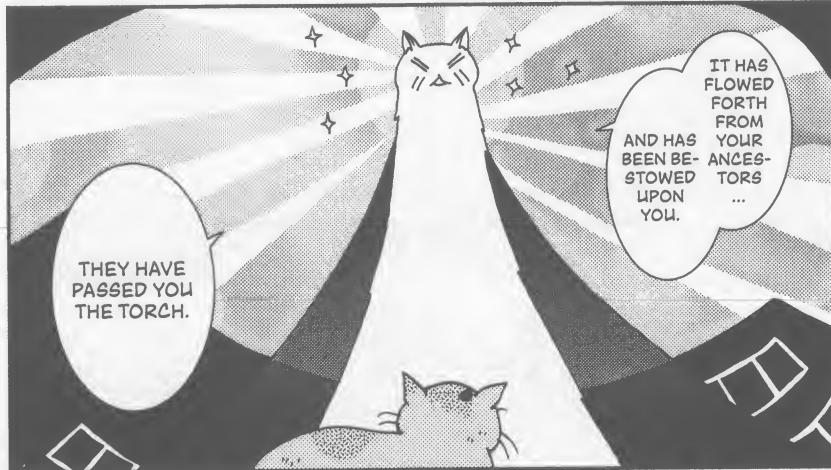
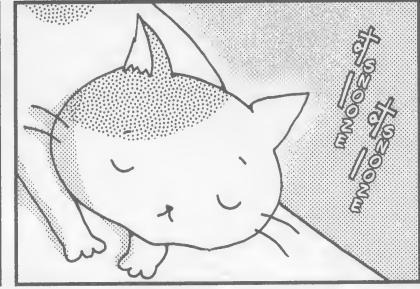
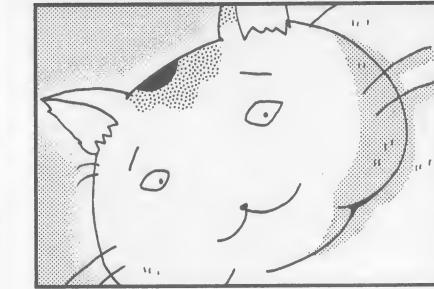
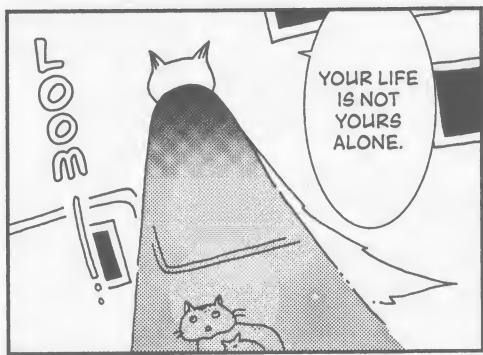
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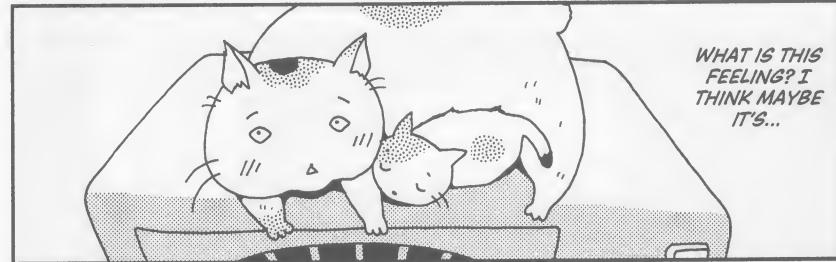
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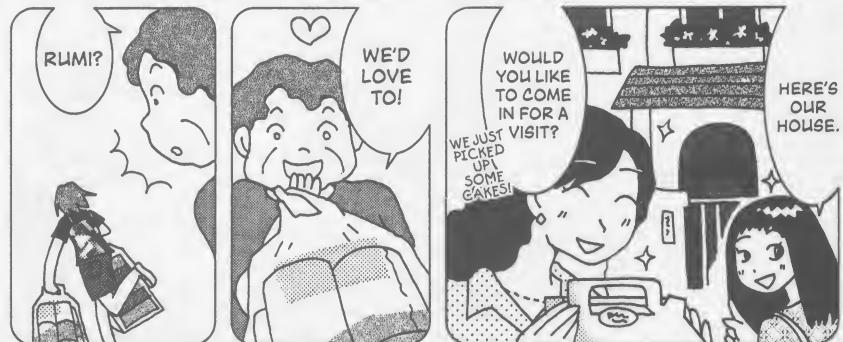
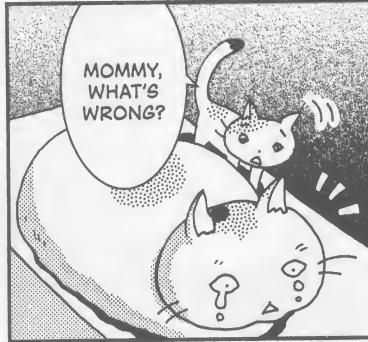
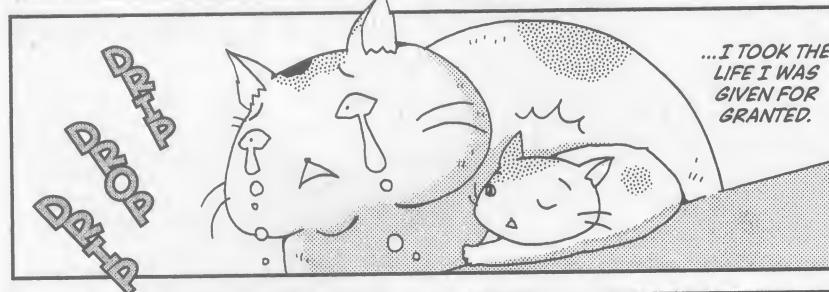
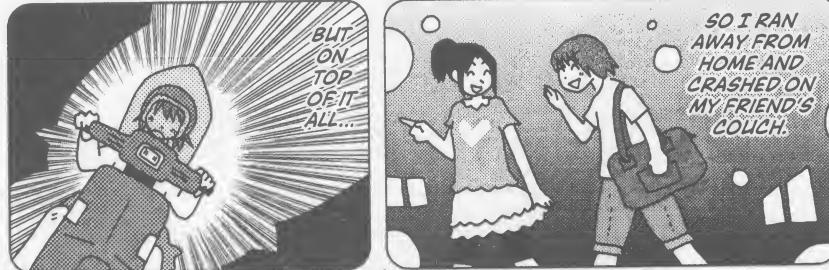


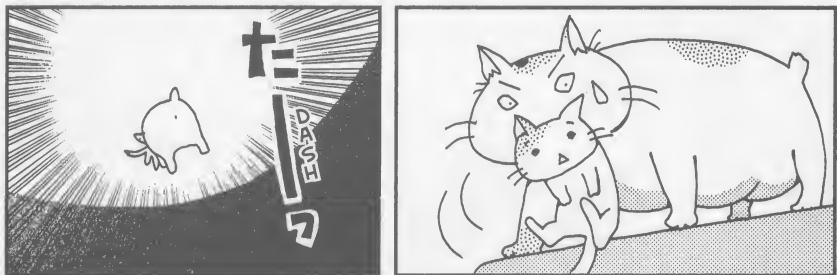
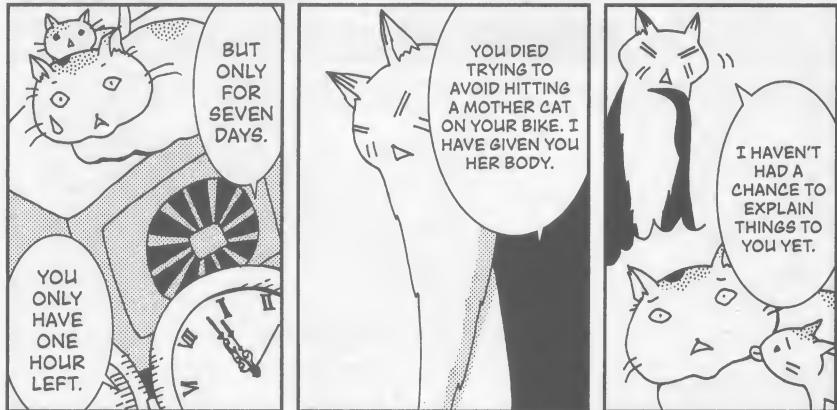
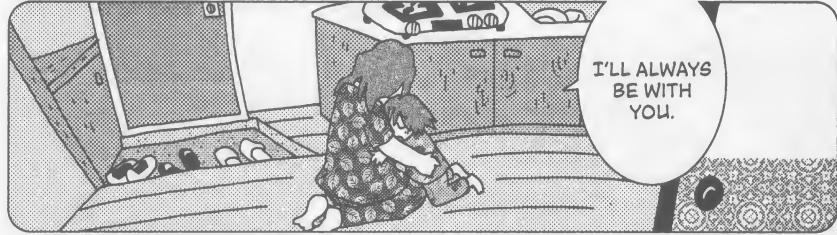
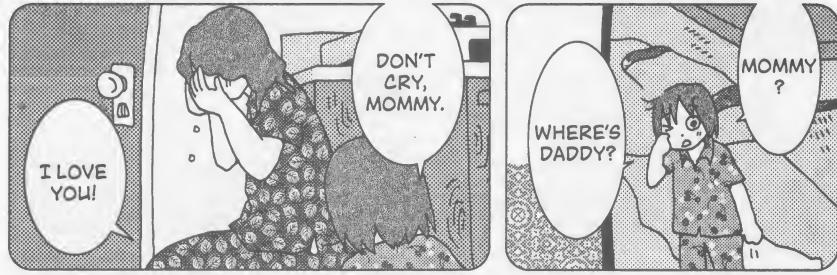
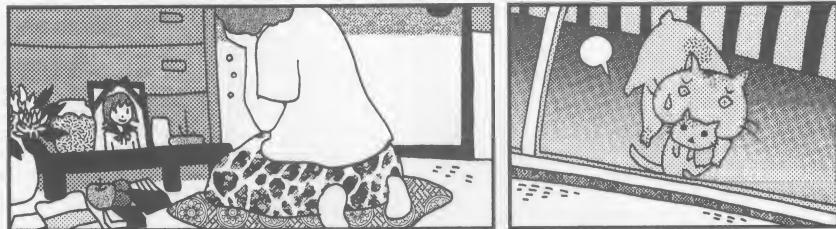


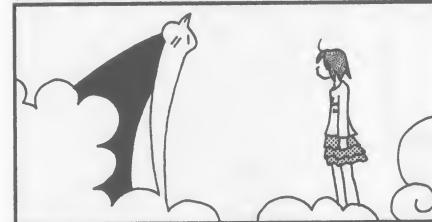
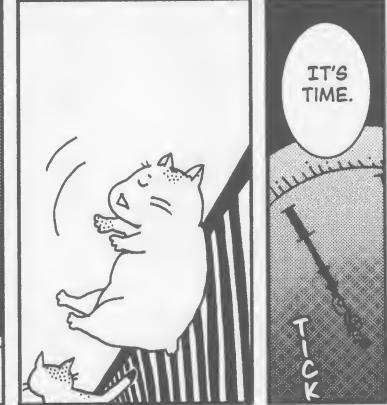
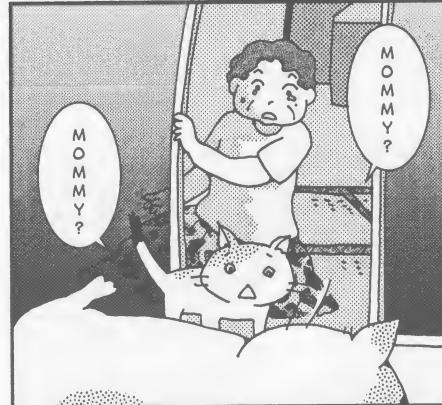


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STORS
...
AND HAS BEEN BE-
STOWED UPON YOU.



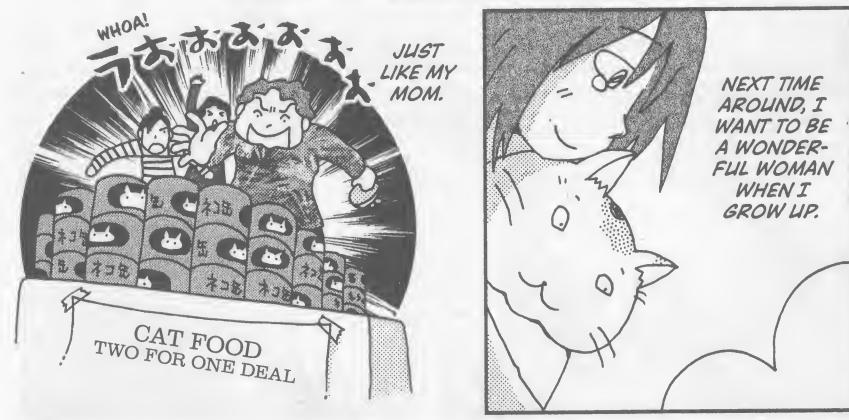
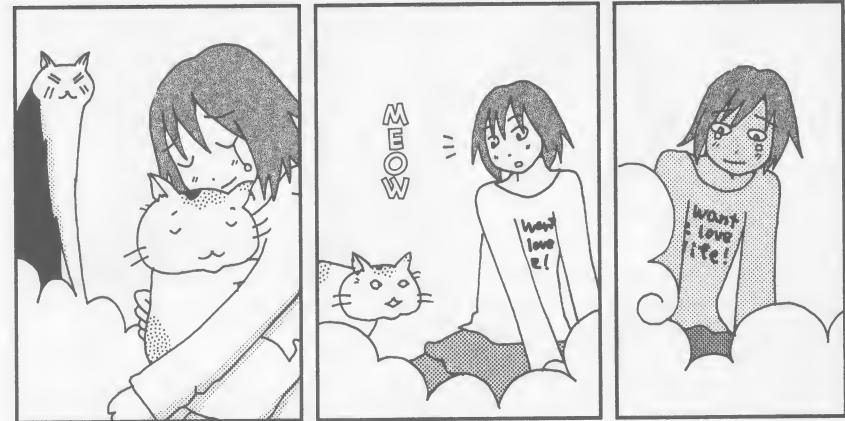
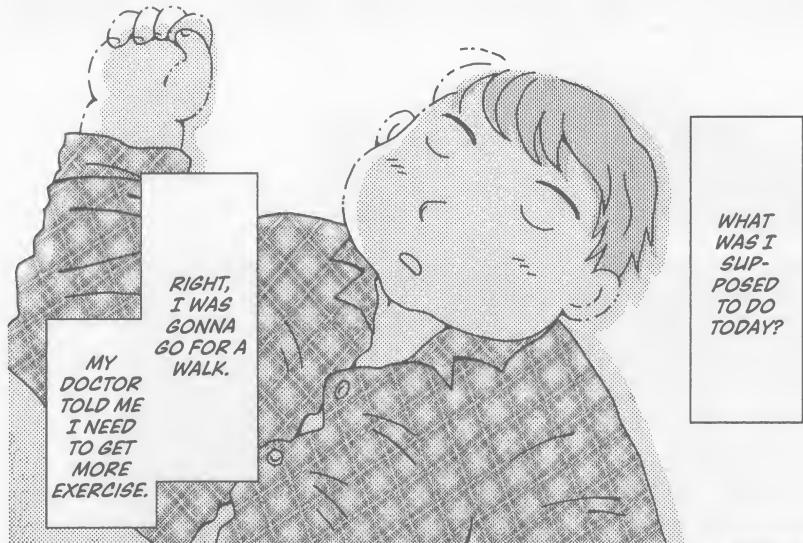




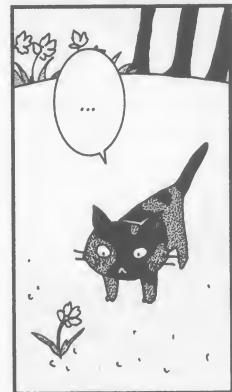


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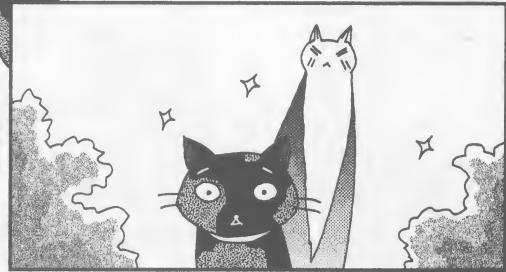
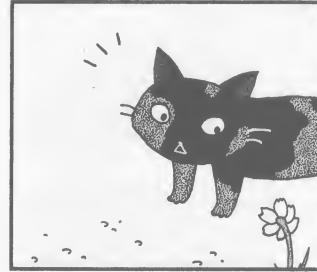
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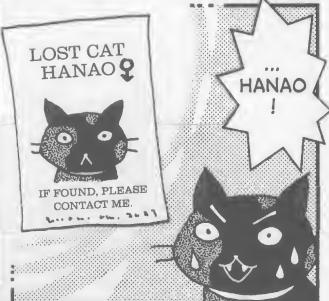
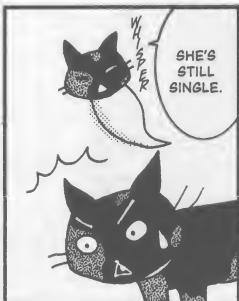
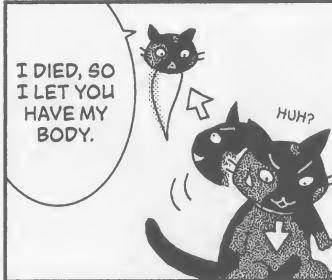


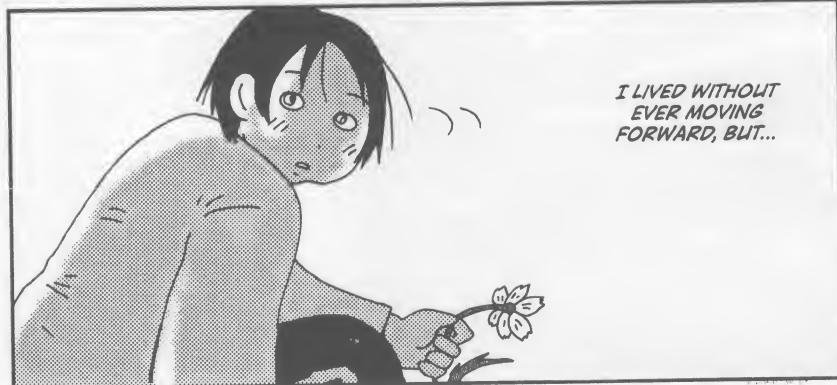
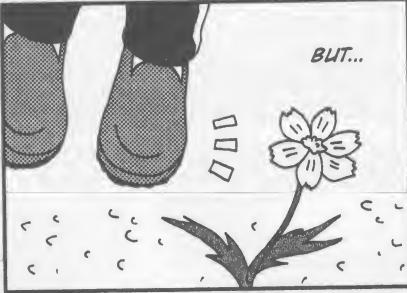
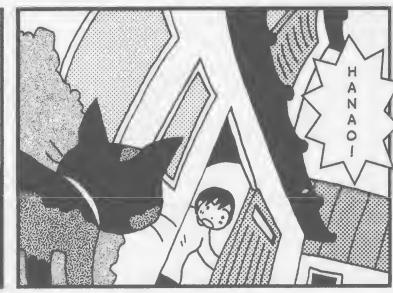


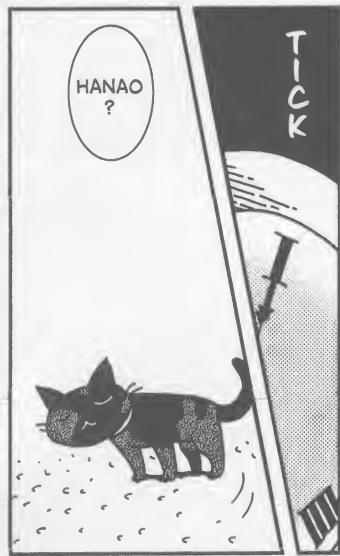
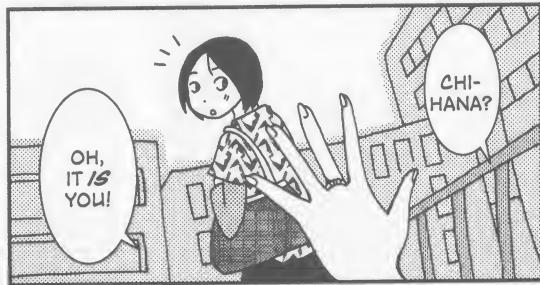


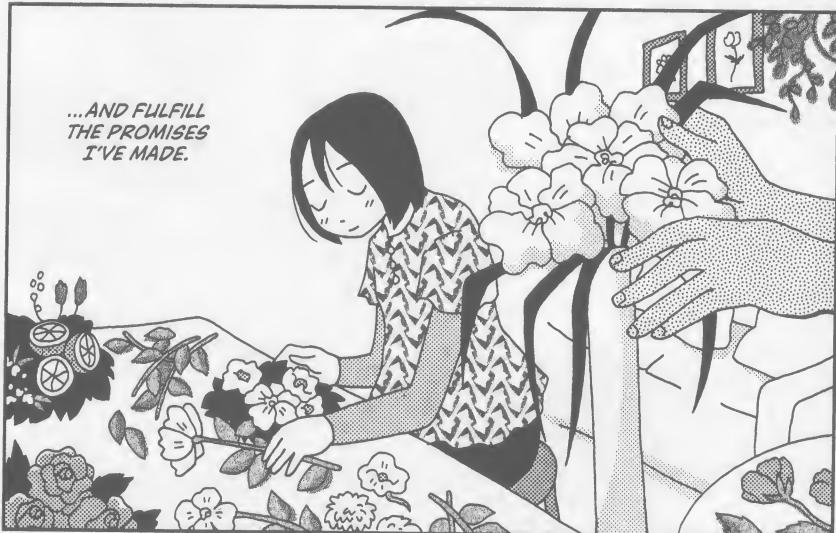
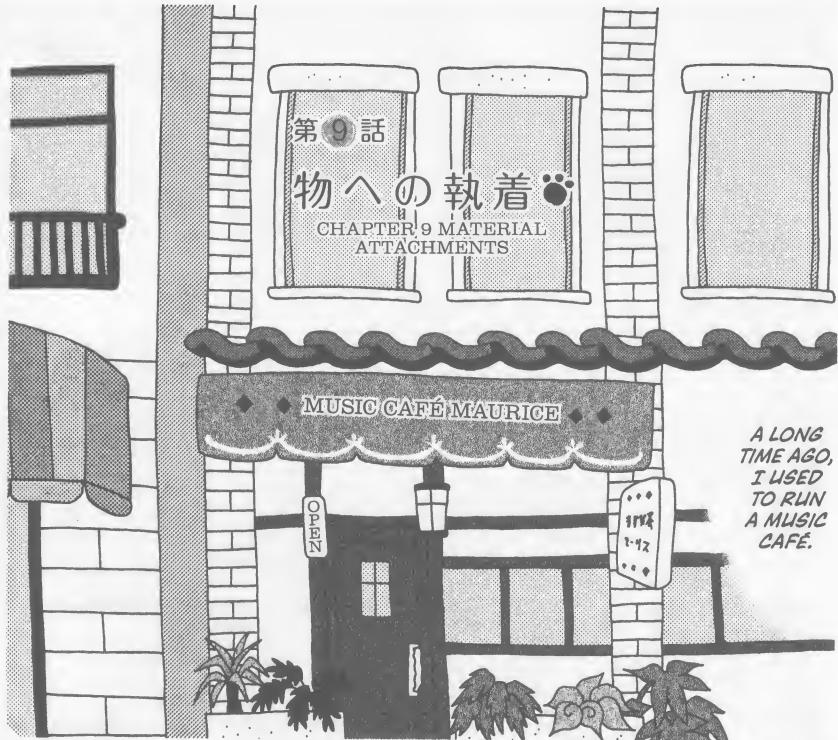
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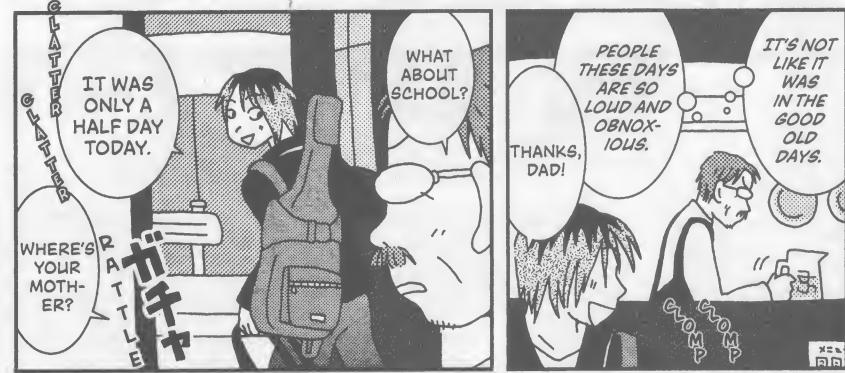
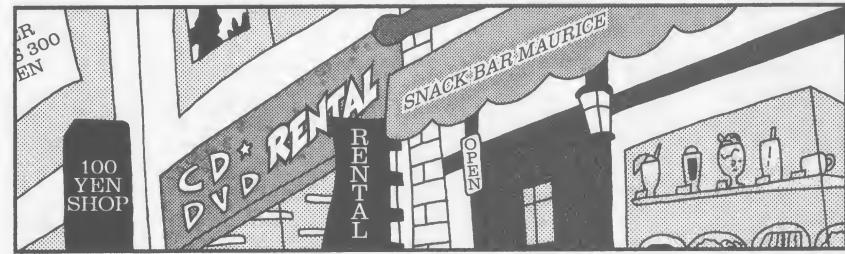


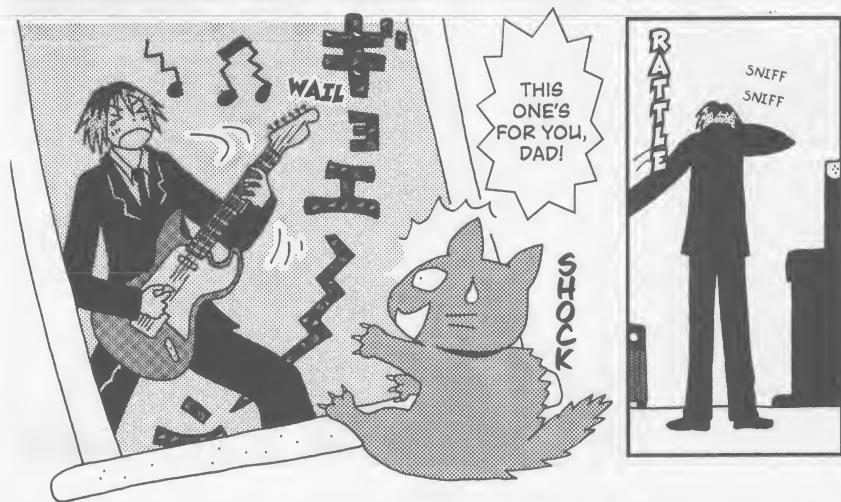
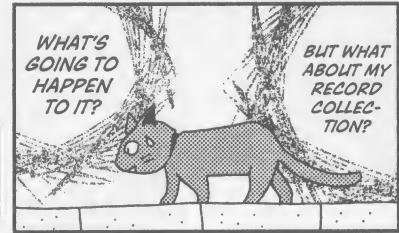
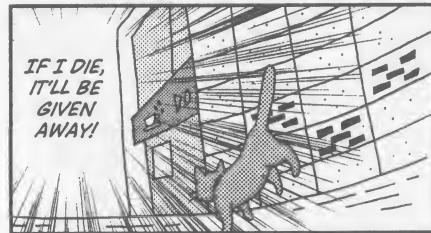
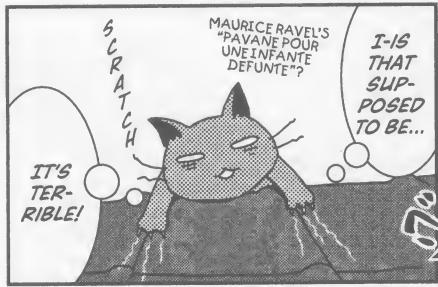


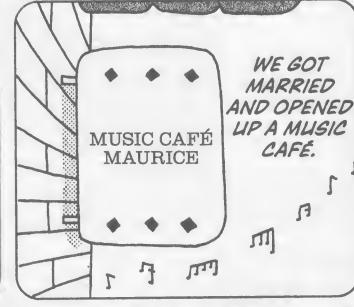
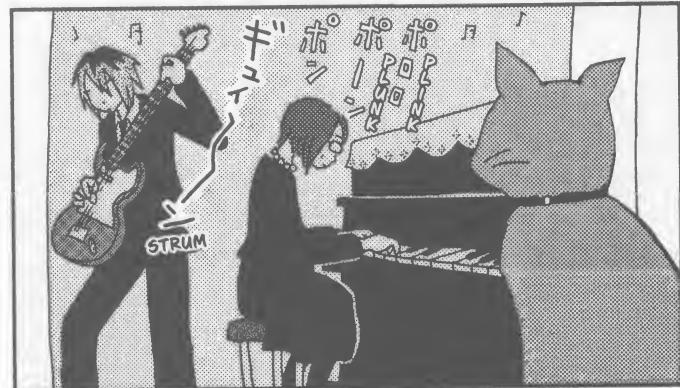


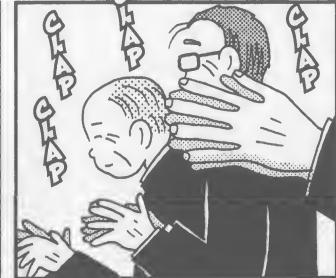
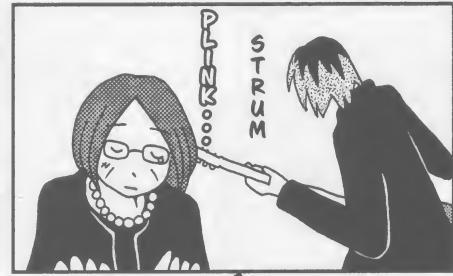
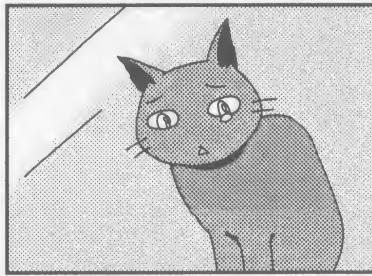
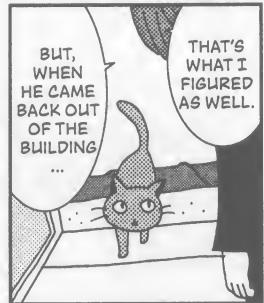
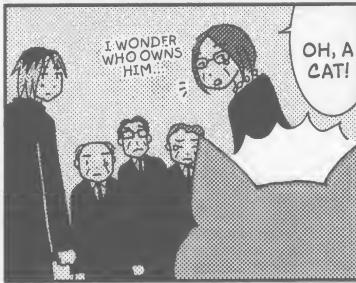


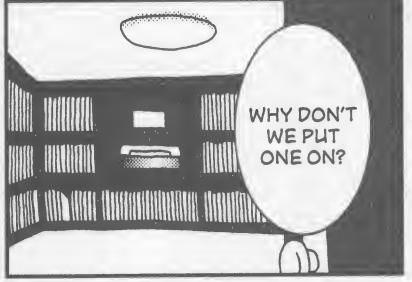
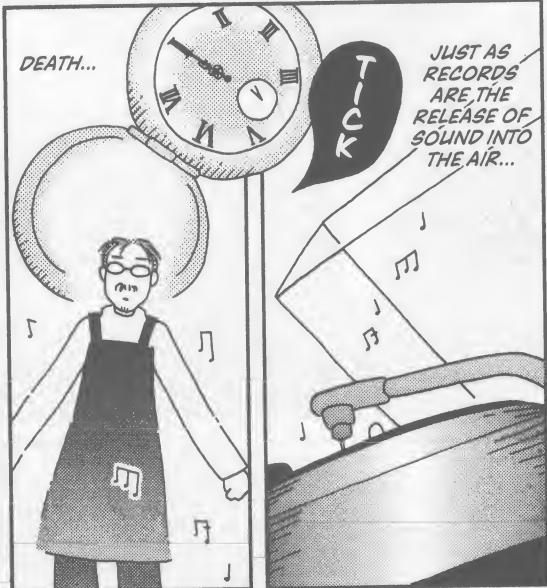


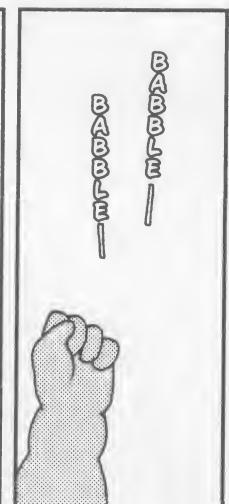
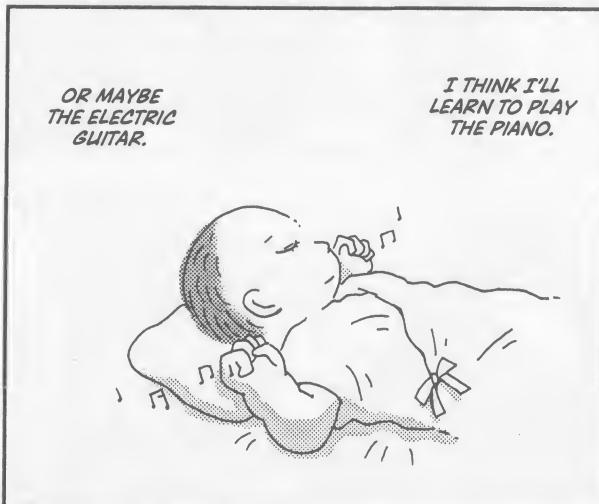
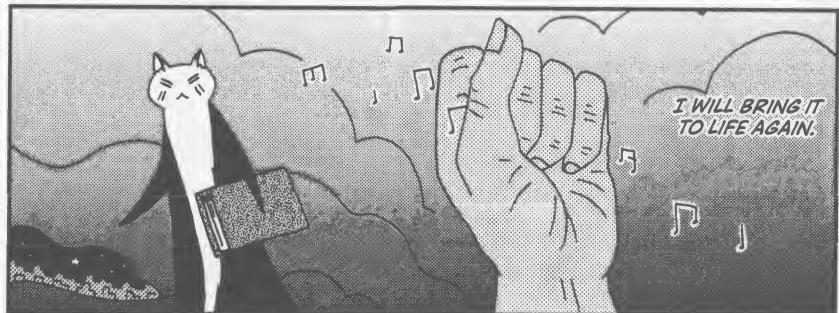


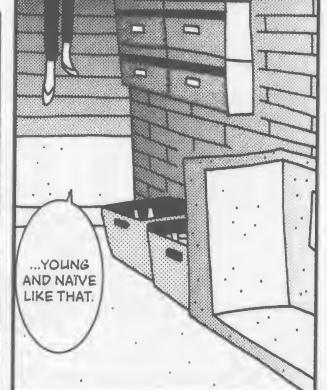
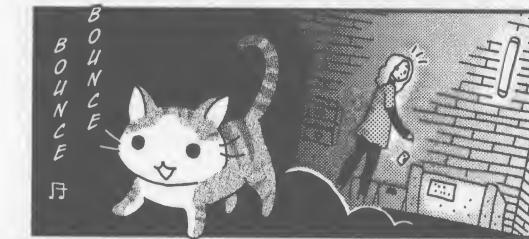
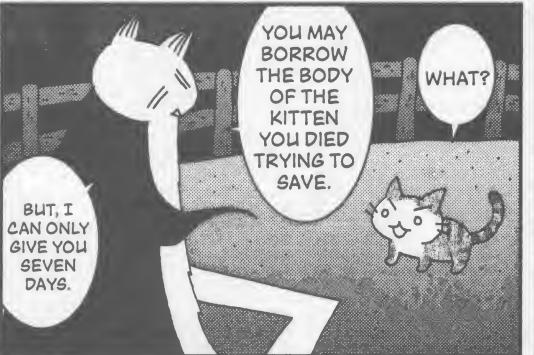
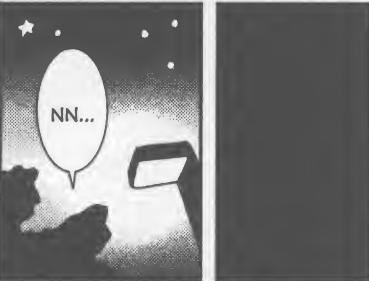
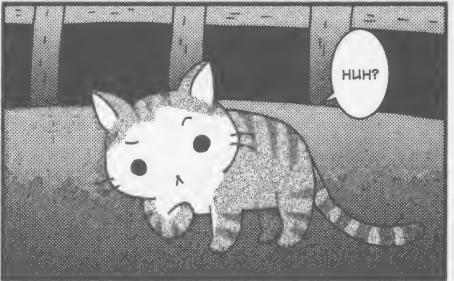


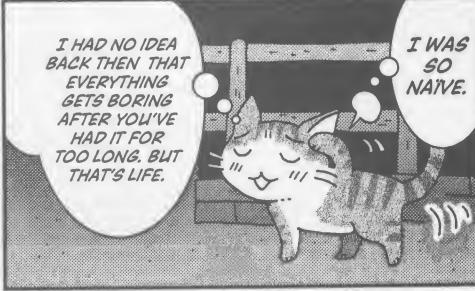
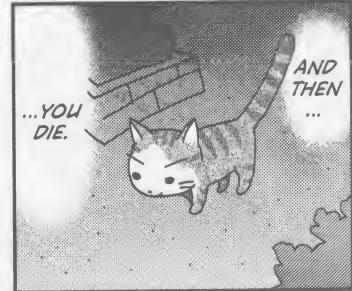
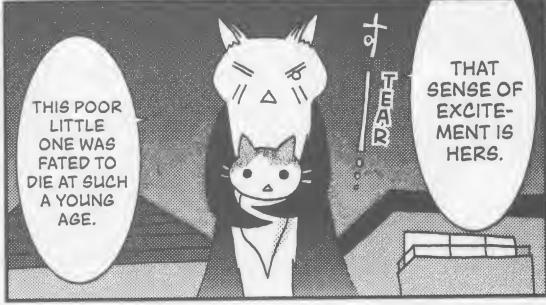
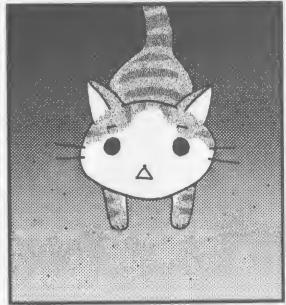
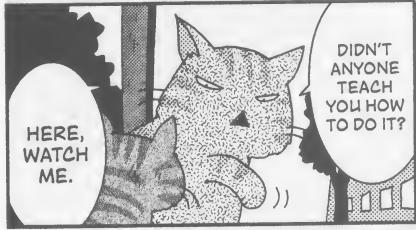
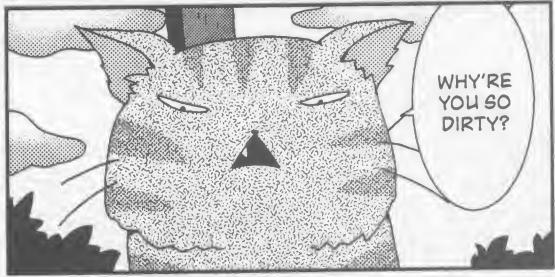
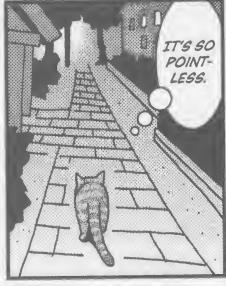


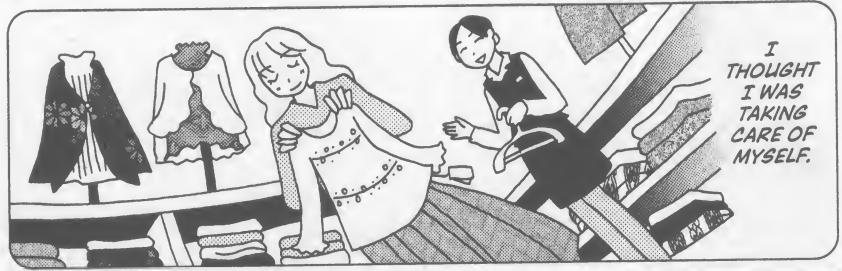








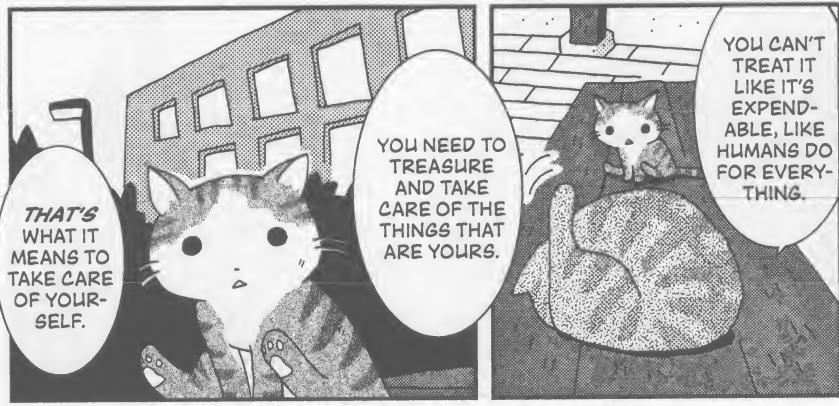
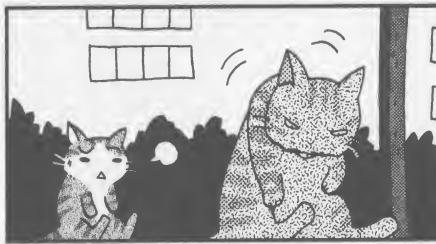


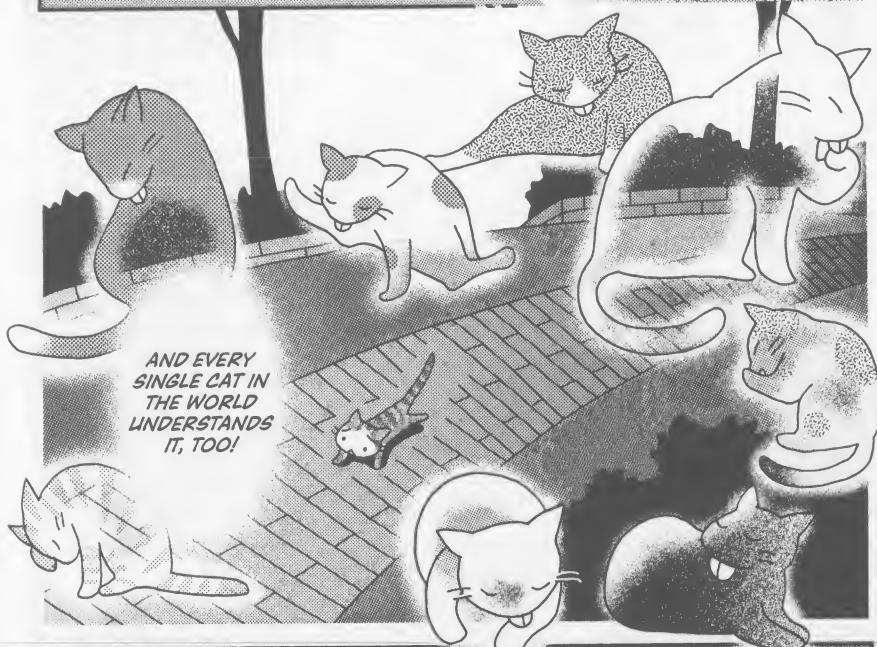
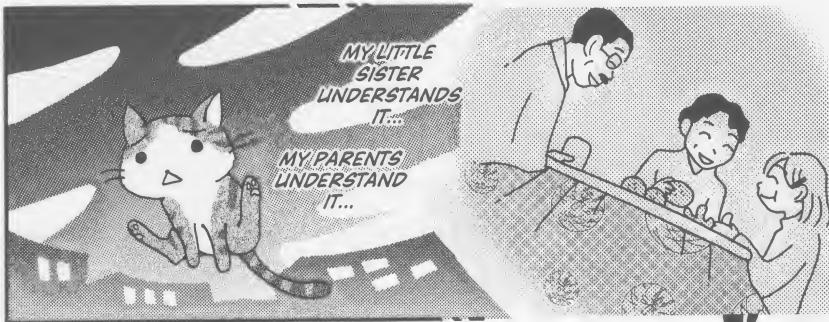
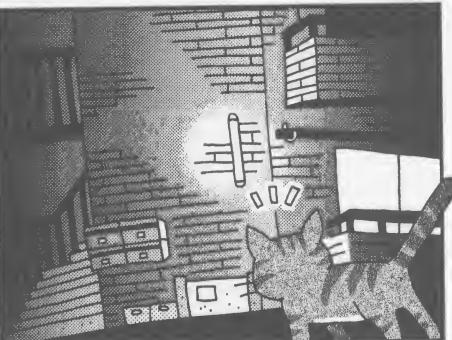


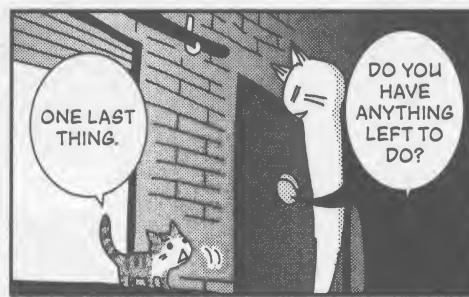
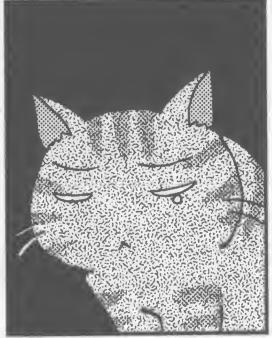
BUT, ARE YOU SURE THAT'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY, SIS?

THAT'S WHY THE WORLD ALWAYS SEEMED SO DULL TO ME.

BUT, THINGS LOSE THEIR APPEAL FOR ME SO QUICKLY BECAUSE I DON'T TAKE CARE OF THEM.

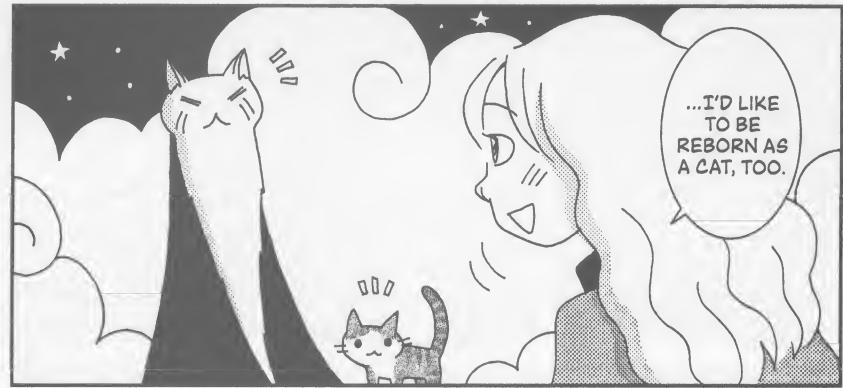






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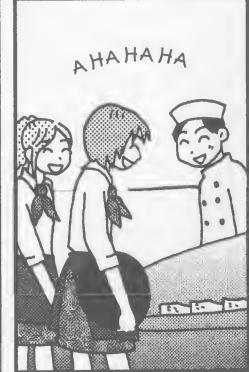


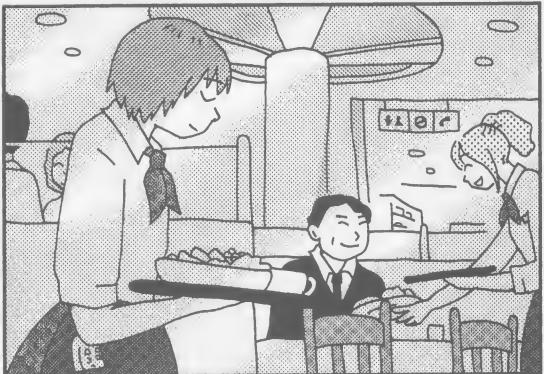
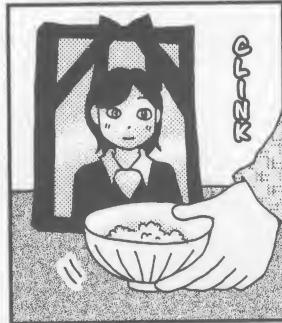
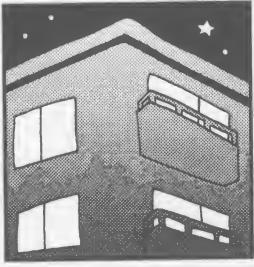
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I HAVE GRANTED
YOU SEVEN EXTRA
DAYS OF LIFE AS A
CAT.

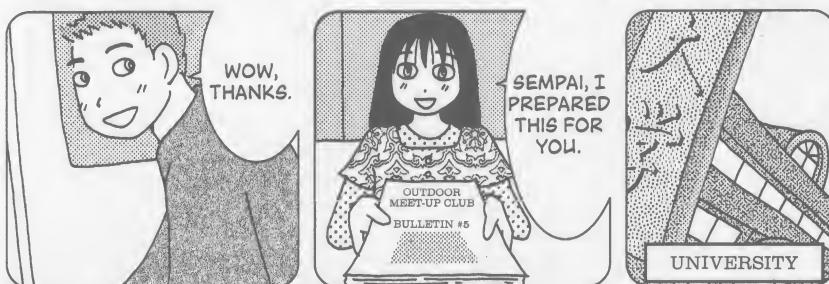
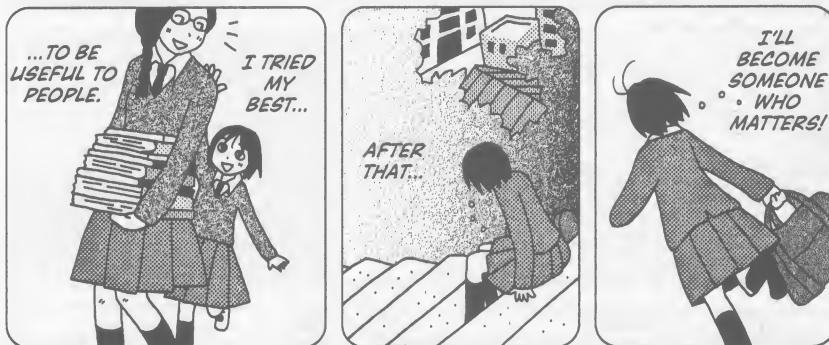
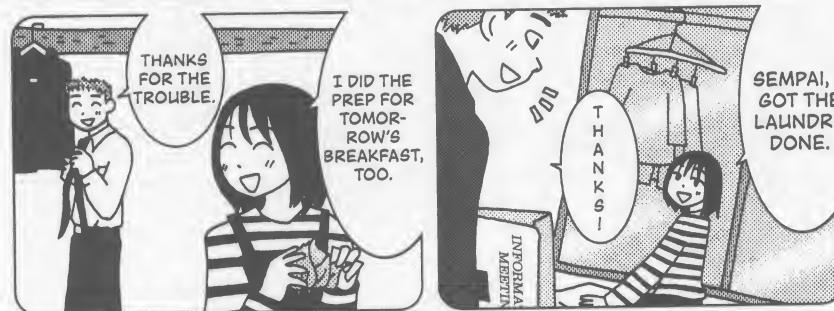


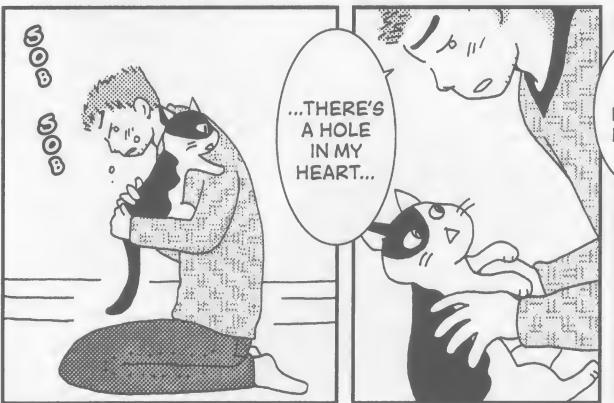
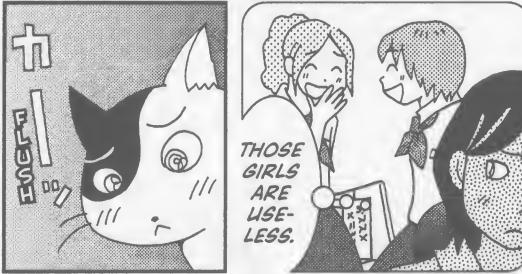
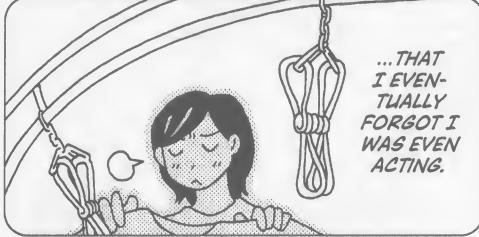
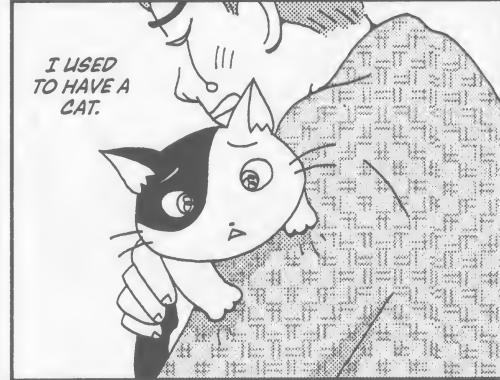
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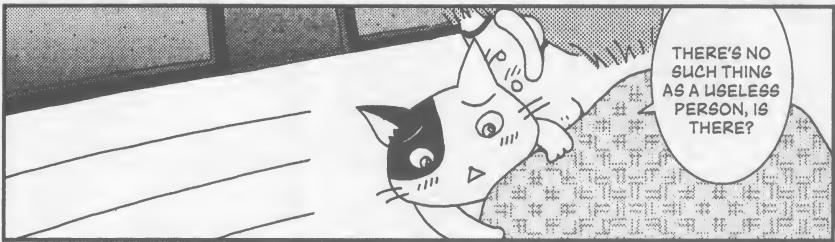
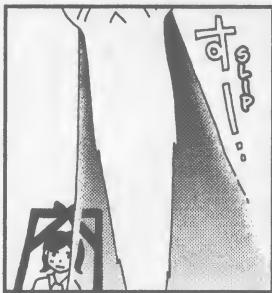
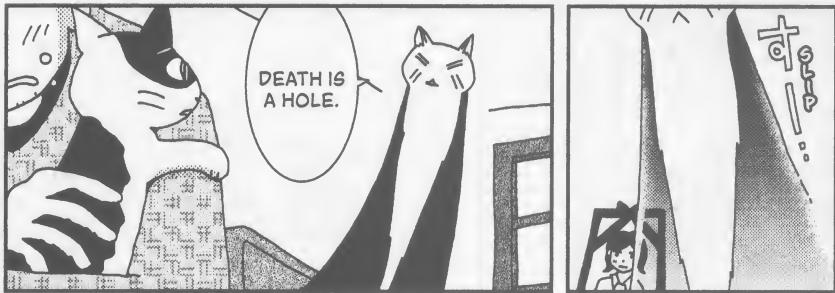
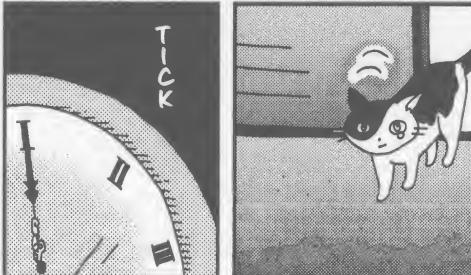
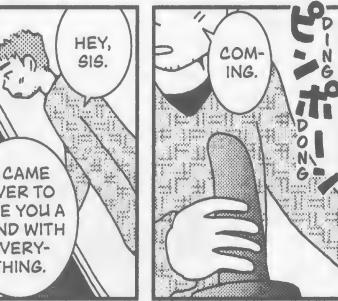
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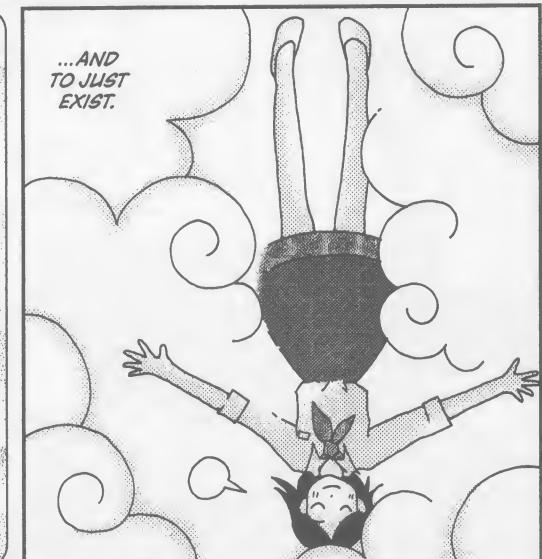
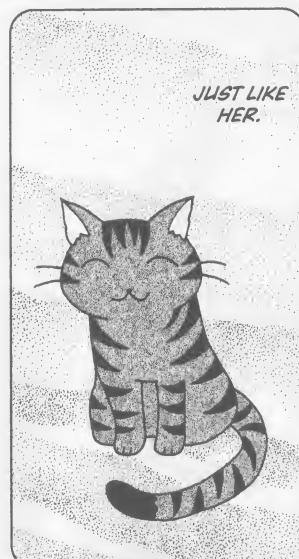
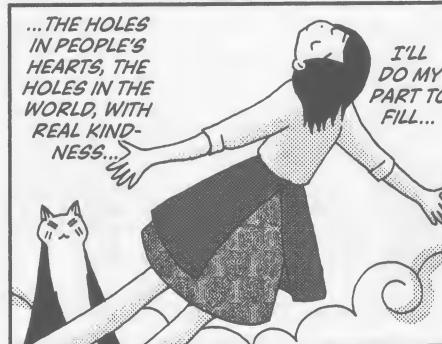
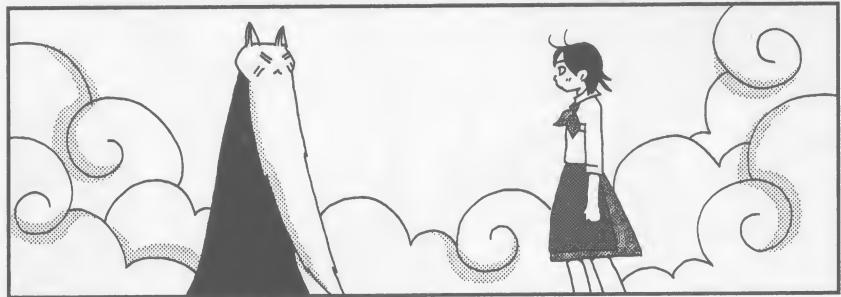
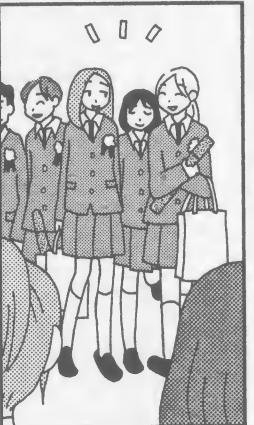


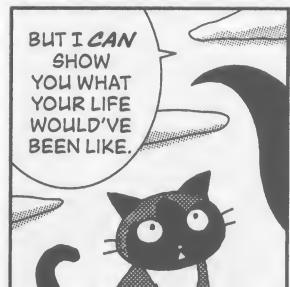
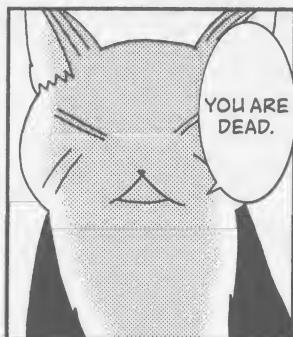
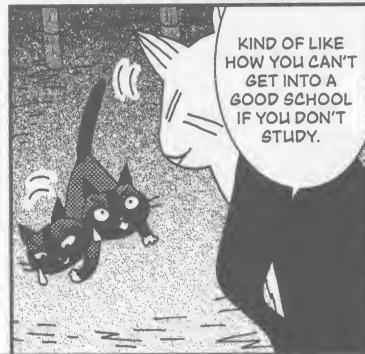
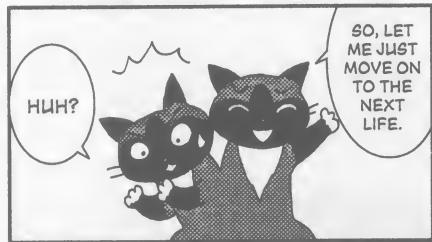
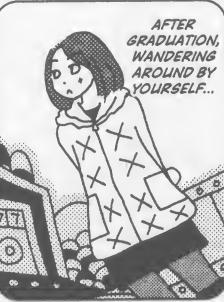


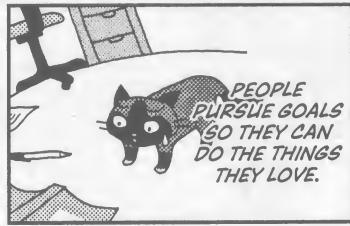
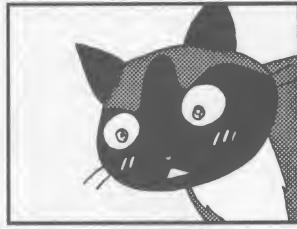
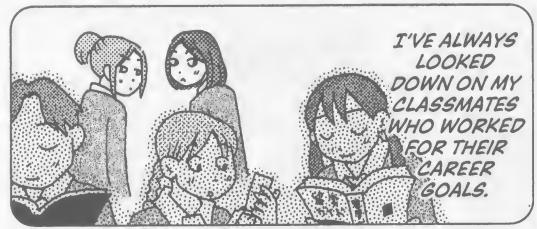
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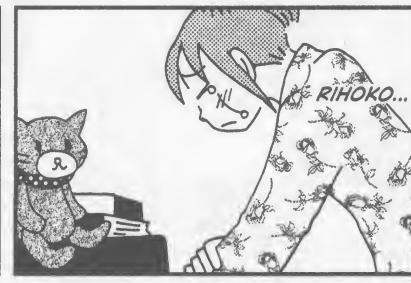
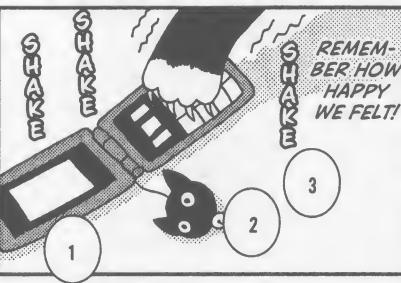
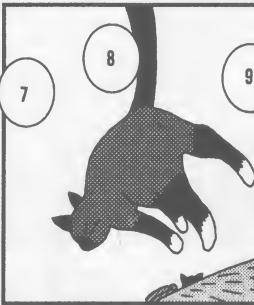
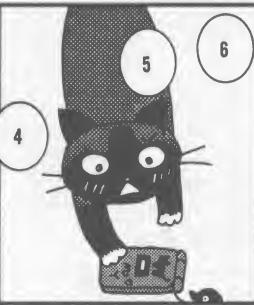
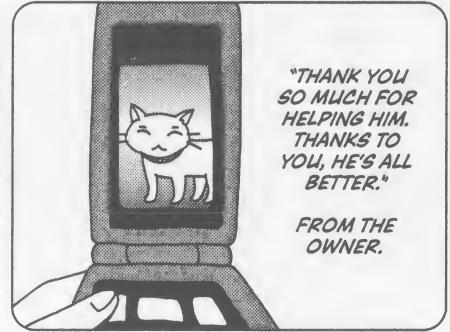
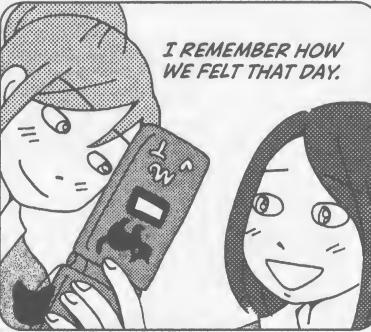
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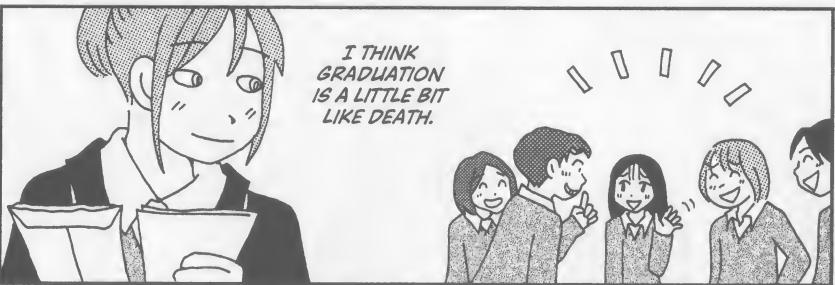
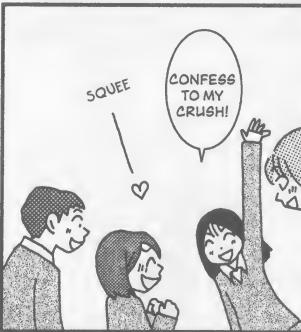
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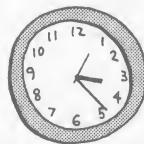












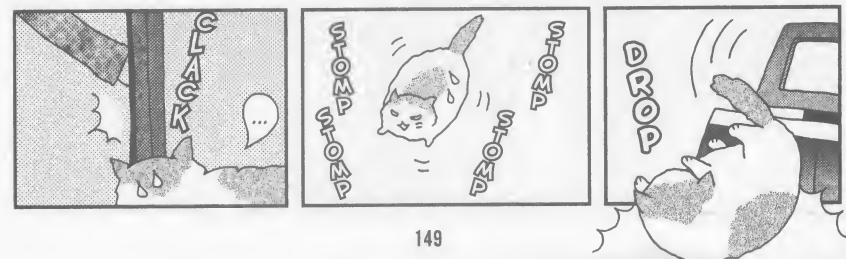
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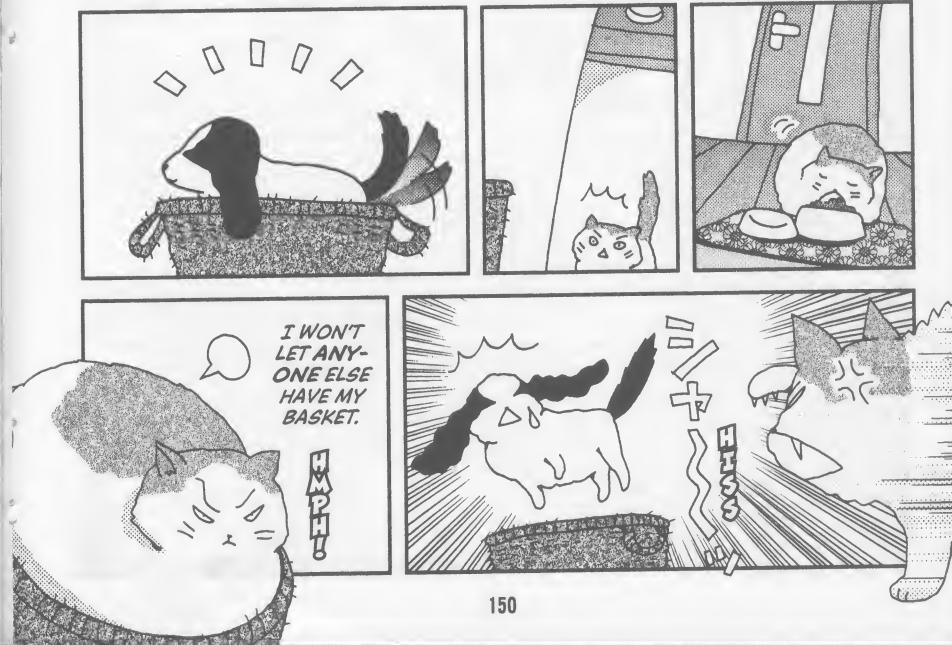
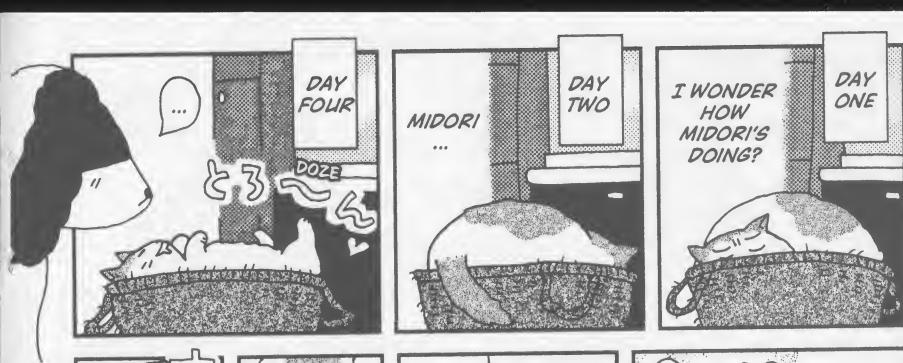
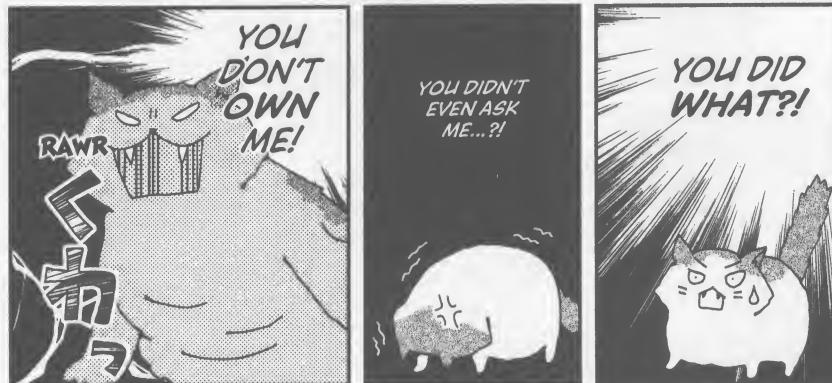
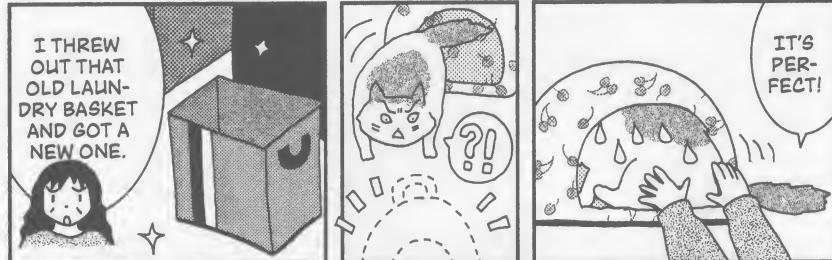
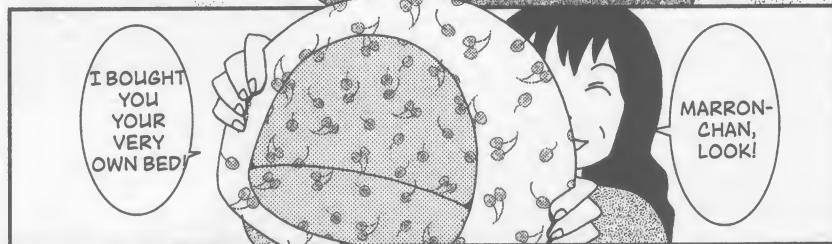
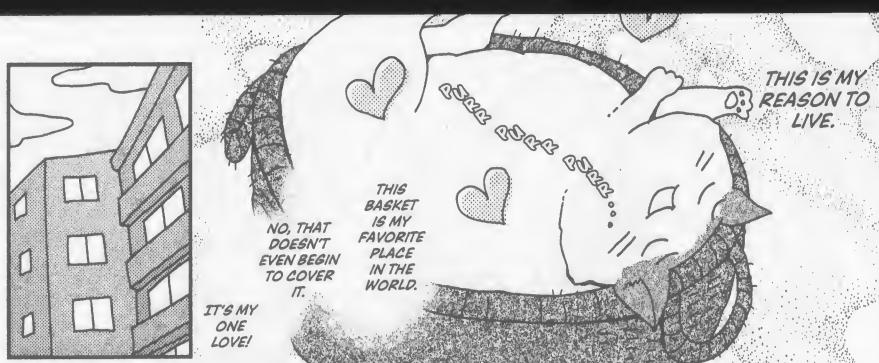
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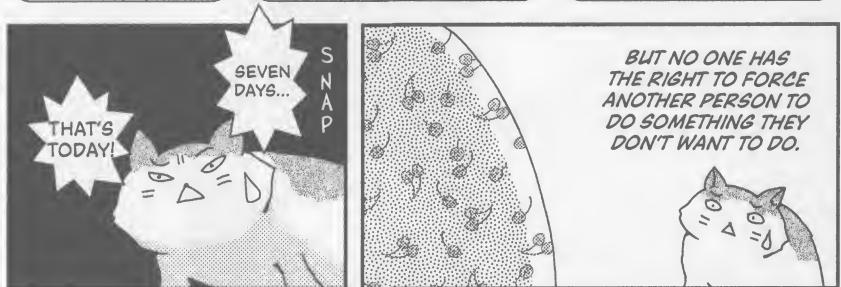
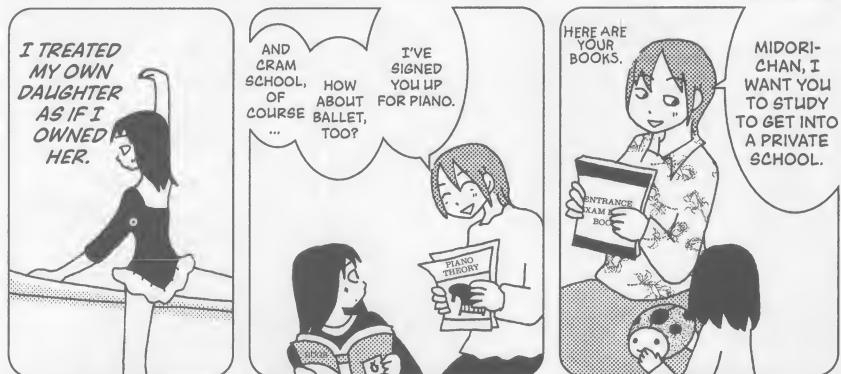
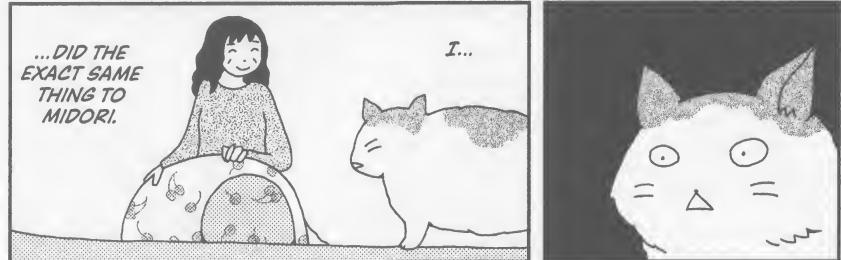
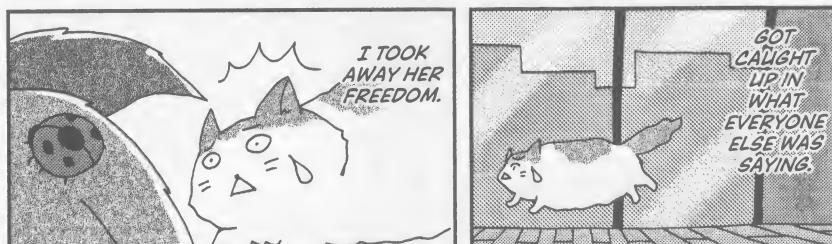
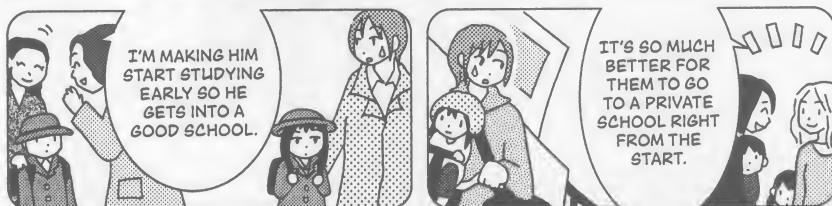
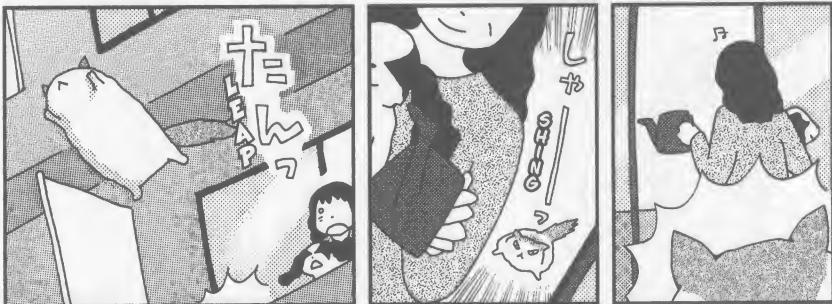


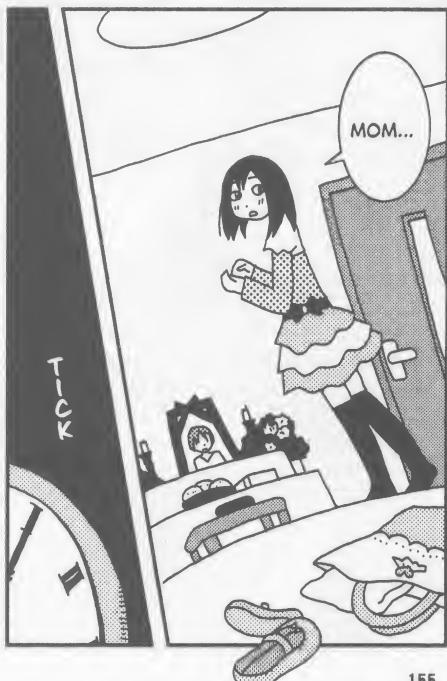
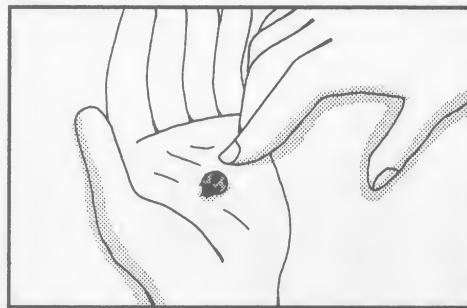
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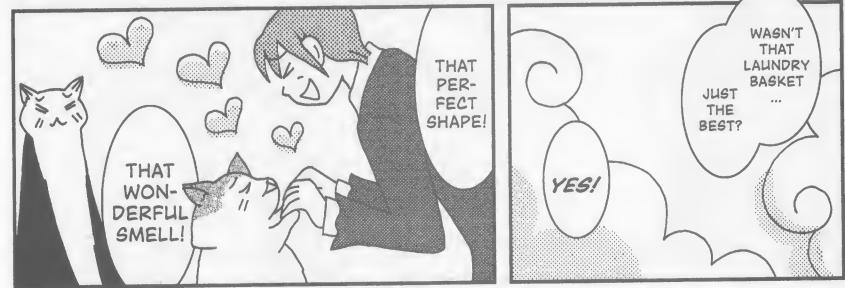






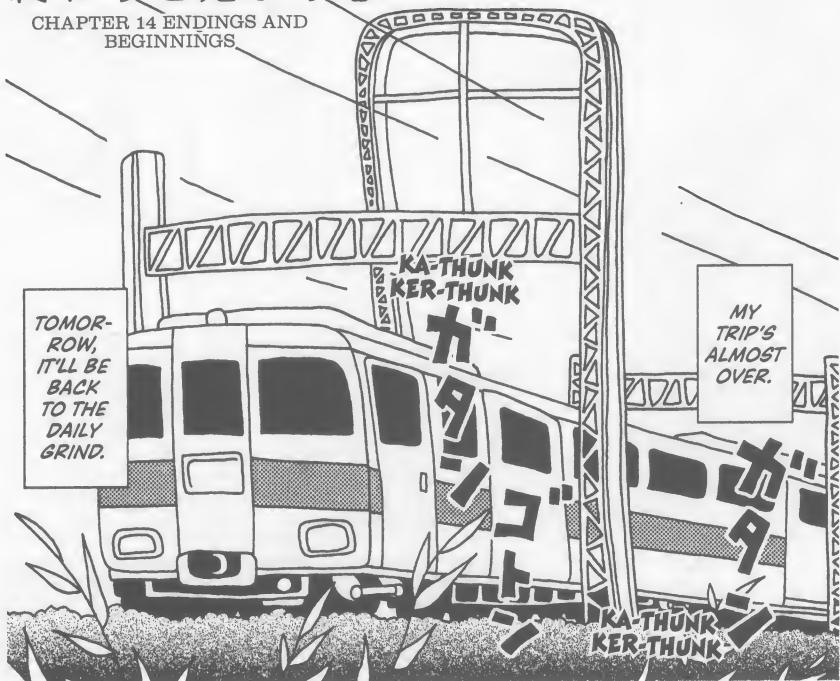


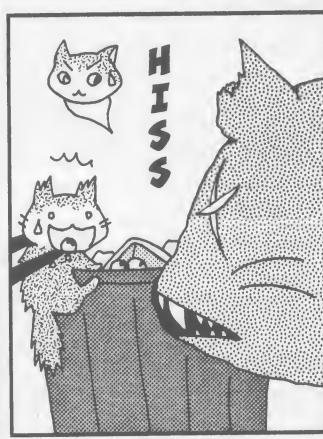
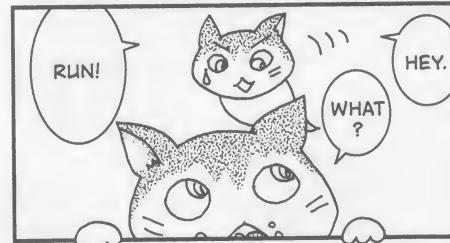
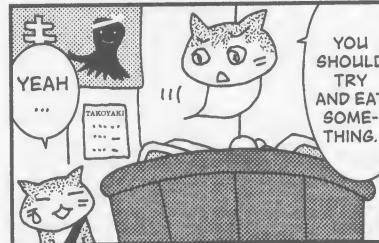
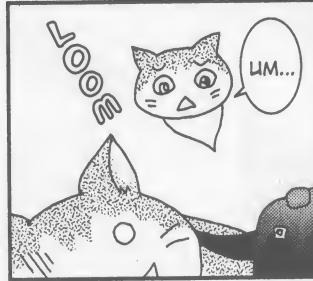
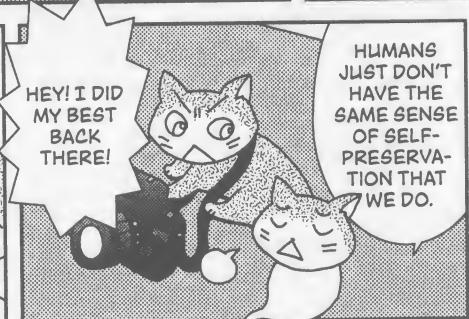
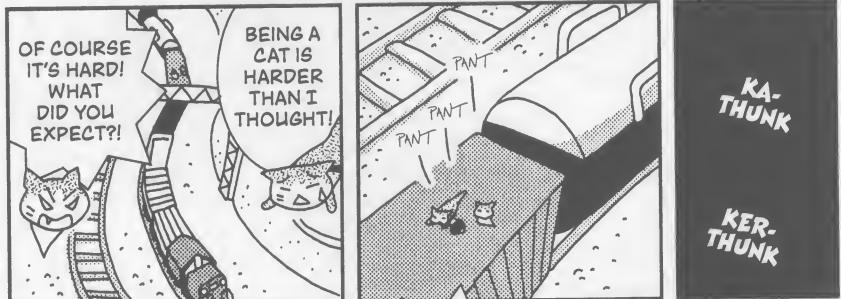
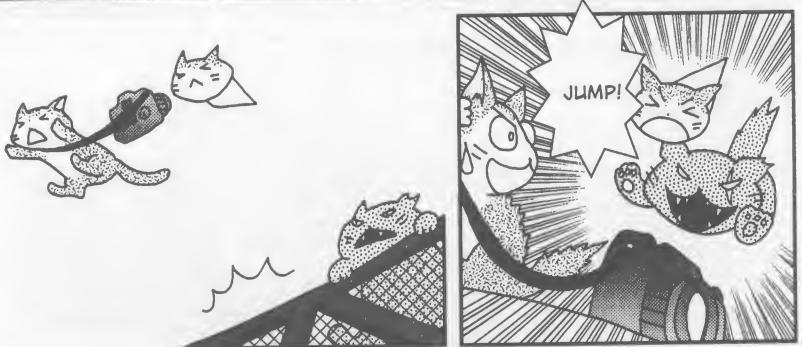
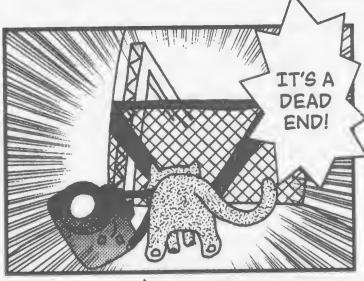


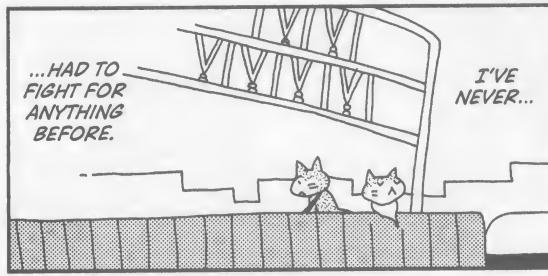
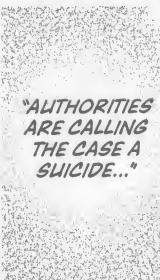
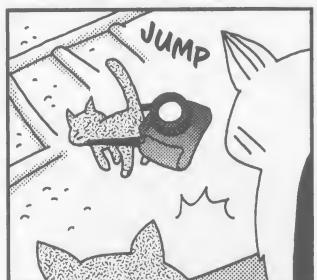
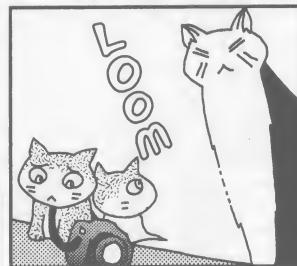
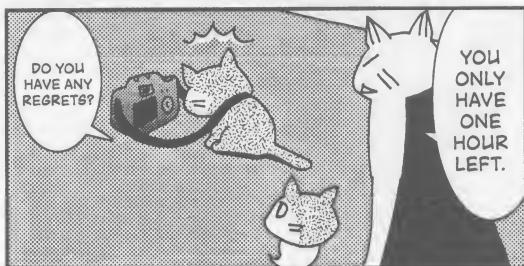
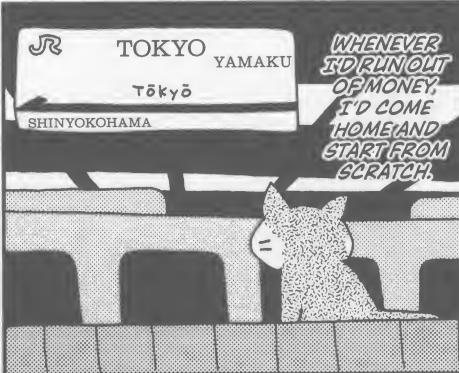


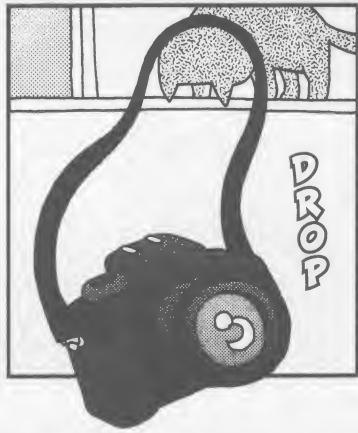
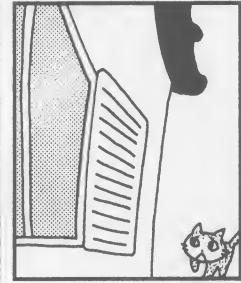
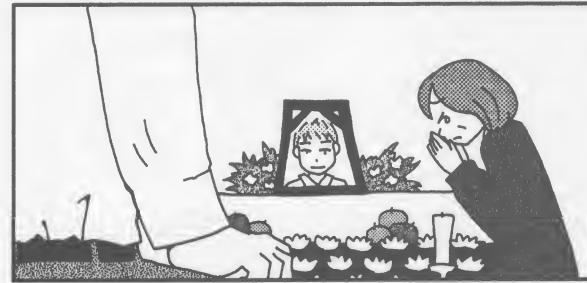
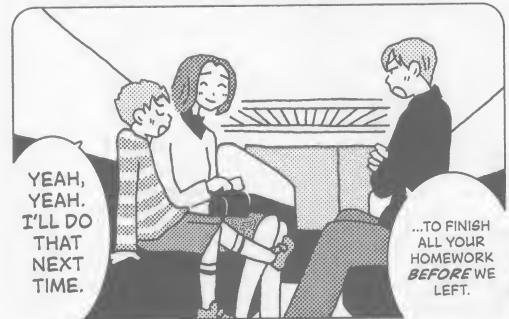
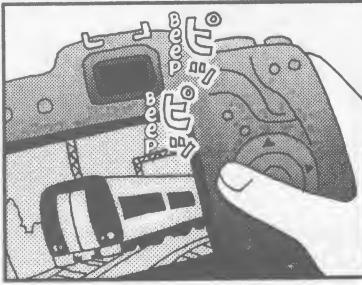
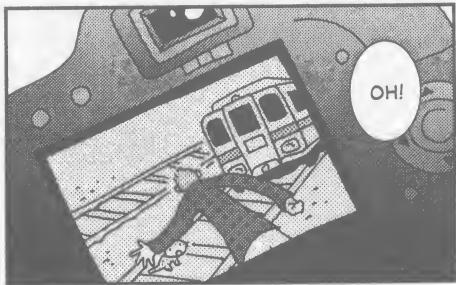
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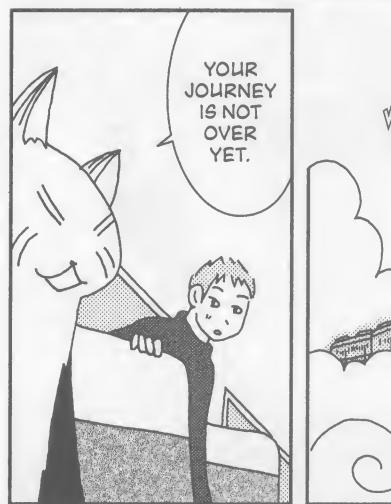
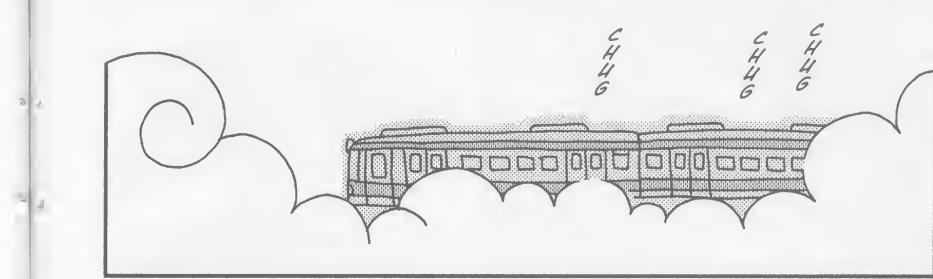
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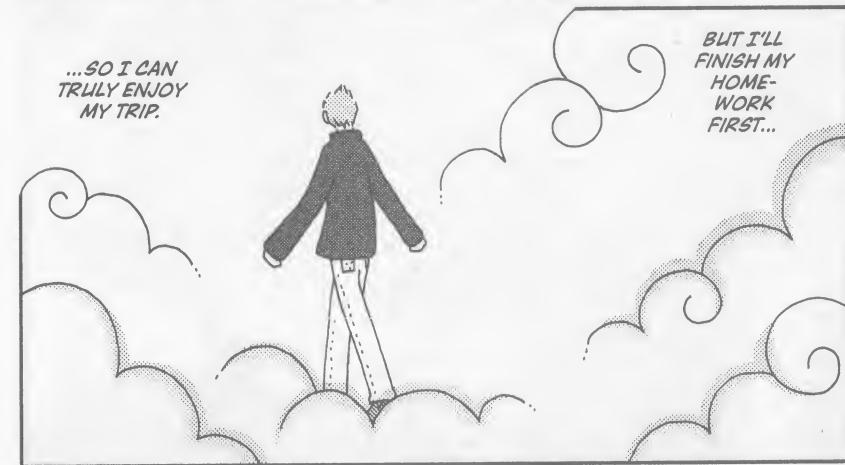
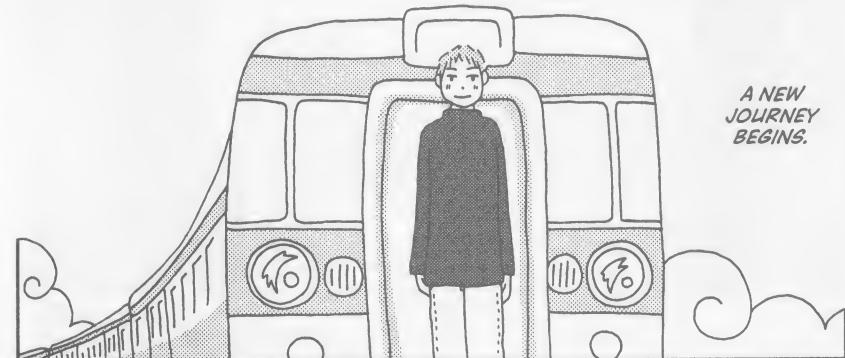


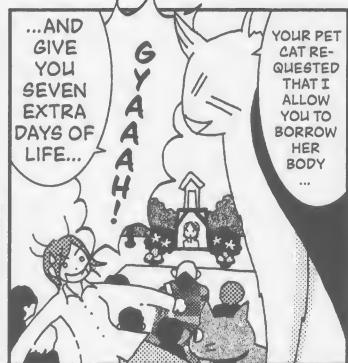
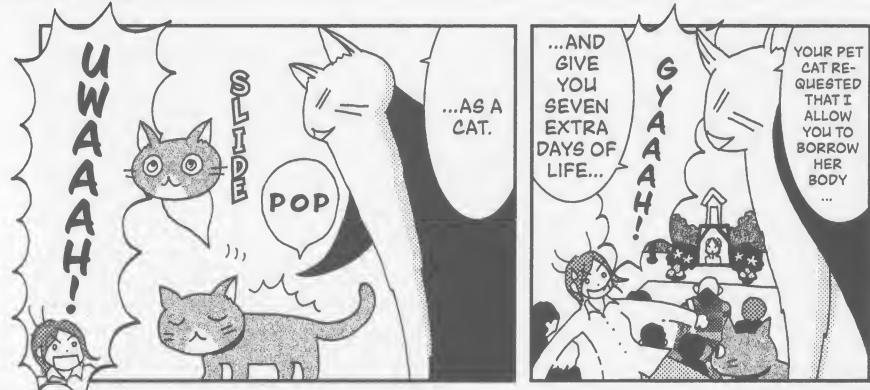
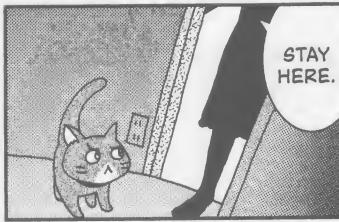
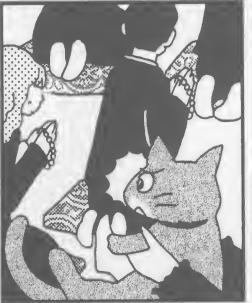
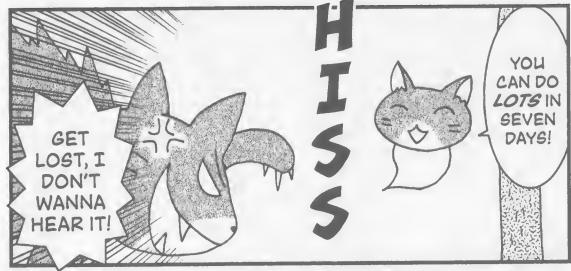




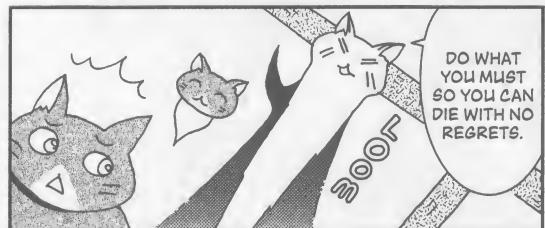
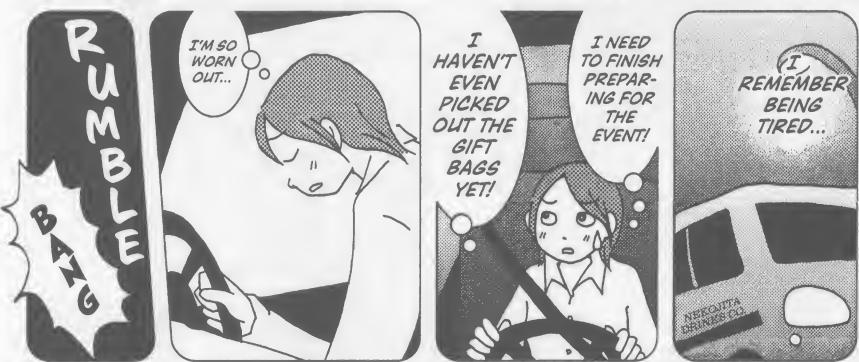


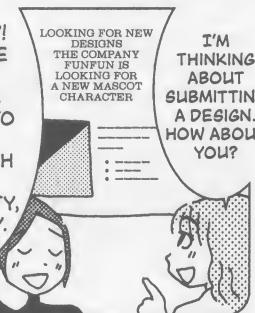
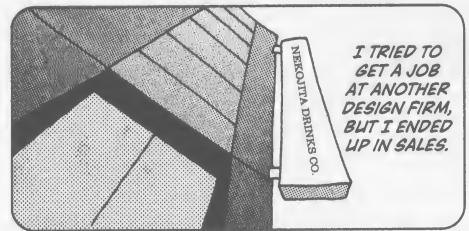


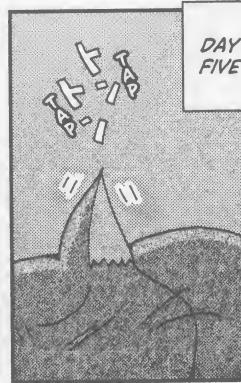
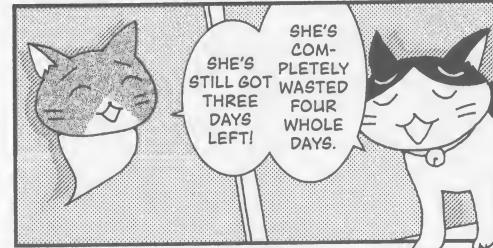
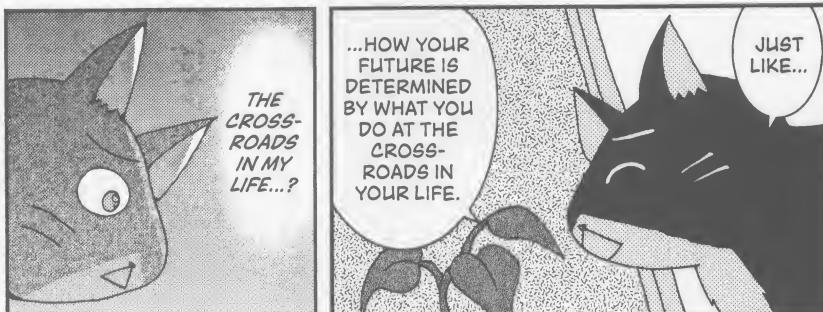
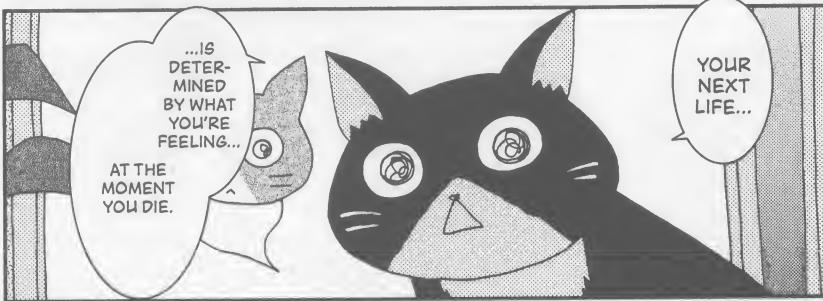
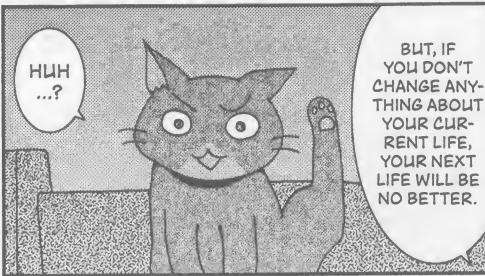


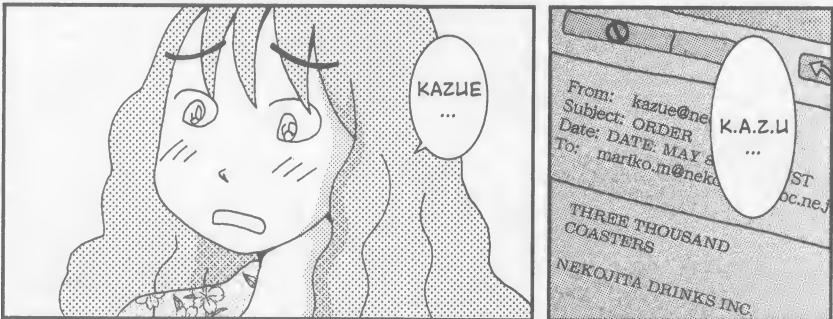


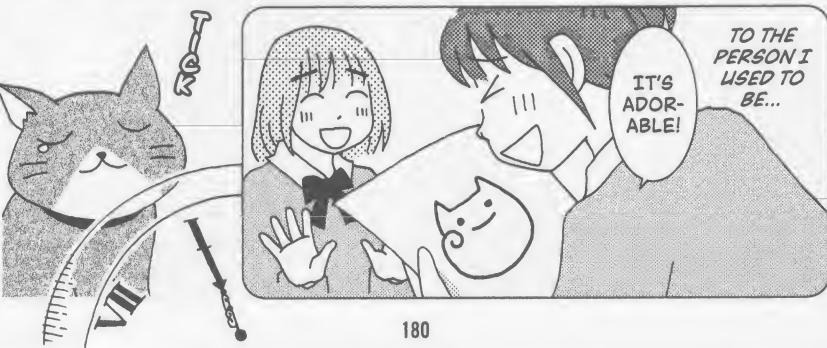
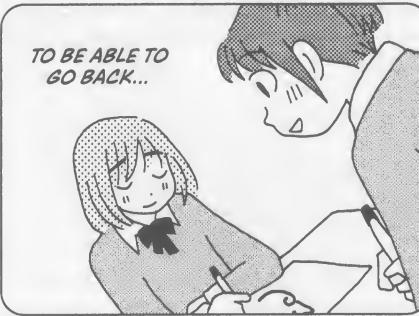
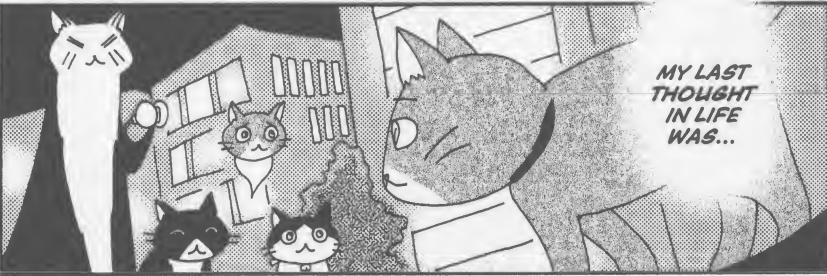
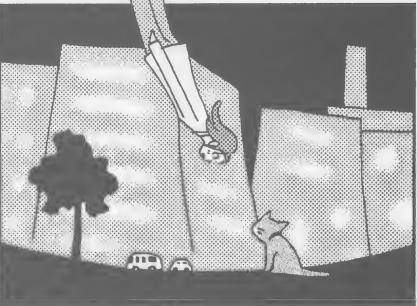
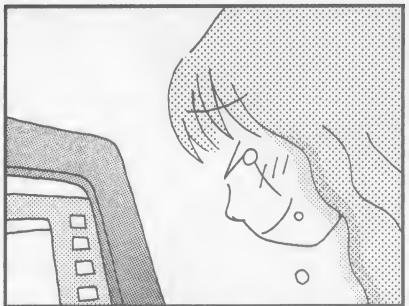
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AFTERWORD

TO FOLLOW THE ENTIRE LIFE OF JUST ONE PERSON FROM BEGINNING TO END DOES NOT A STORY MAKE! TO WEAVE A STORY, A CHARACTER'S DAILY LIFE AND THEIR PAST MUST BE EXAMINED. ONLY THEN CAN WE CHIP AWAY AT THE RELATIONSHIPS, CIRCUMSTANCES AND EVENTS; THE COMPLEX THREADS THAT TIE A PERSON'S STORY TOGETHER.

ONLY THEN DOES THE STORY BEGIN TO EMERGE... BUT OFTEN, THAT STORY WILL HIT A WALL.

TO TELL THIS STORY, I STRUGGLED ALONGSIDE MY CHARACTERS TO OVERCOME THE WALLS THEY CAME UPON. I BELIEVE THAT I CONTINUE TO WRITE MANGA TO FEEL THAT SENSE OF RELIEF AND REFRESHMENT WHEN THOSE DIFFICULTIES HAVE BEEN SURMOUNTED.

EVERYBODY HAS A BEAUTIFUL STORY WITHIN THEM! I WROTE THIS BOOK WITH THE HOPE THAT EVERYONE CAN FIND THEIR OWN STORY AND HAPPINESS.

THIS IS MY FIRST FULL BOOK IN MY TWENTY YEARS OF DRAWING MANGA. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED ME...ALL MY READERS, MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY, AND OF COURSE ALL THE CATS IN THE WORLD.

RISA MOTOYAMA, 2010

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